

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE



2005



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## Message from the Clerk



**W**ELCOME TO THE 2005 Annual Report of the Clerk's Office. Reflecting back to 2003, when our court was initially assigned a CM/ECF implementation "wave" and the bankruptcy reform legislation was looming on the horizon, I wondered if there was a remote chance we would be faced with implementing CM/ECF in concert with the passage of the reform legislation and the appointment of two new judges in our district. As you know, this is exactly what happened in 2005!

The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) was passed in April, with an effective date of October 17, 2005, and authorized two new judgeships for this district. About the same time, we learned that the Administrative Office approved our request for a new Linux platform server to run CM/ECF. This was good news but required us to postpone our previously established June 1st "go-live" date. With the passage of BAPCPA came a new version of CM/ECF, Version 2.7 which was not received until the beginning of September, and had to be loaded and extensively tested prior to October 17. As the sequence of events unfolded our CM/ECF project team concluded that the best way to go was to "bite the bullet" and go live with CM/ECF in concert with BAPCPA. Our court like many others did not anticipate the onslaught of new cases from last minute filers who were trying to beat the October 17th deadline. Court staff worked nights and weekends for several weeks leading up to October 17th and many weeks thereafter in order to process almost 12,000 cases filed in a short period between October 1 - 16, 2005, and at midnight on October 16th we switched on CM/ECF successfully.

If those accomplishments were not enough, our efforts were further impeded by three major hurricanes, Katrina which hit portions of South Florida in late August before making its devastating turn towards the Gulf Coast, Rita in mid-September and Wilma in late October! Many of our staff were affected by one or more of these storms and some suffered major property damage. However, their spirits were not dampened and they remained committed to the goals of our organization. My appreciation, respect and admiration for their efforts cannot easily be put into words except to say that we have proven again that we have the best clerk's office in the country!

Although 2005 proved to be one of the most challenging years of my career, it was also the most rewarding when I consider what my staff has accomplished. I am so proud of their immense capabilities and teamwork, and it continues to be an honor and pleasure to serve as clerk in this district. I am also pleased to welcome our two new judges, John K. Olson and Laurel M. Isicoff, to this wonderful court family.

**Karen Eddy  
Clerk of Court**

## 2005 HIGHLIGHTS

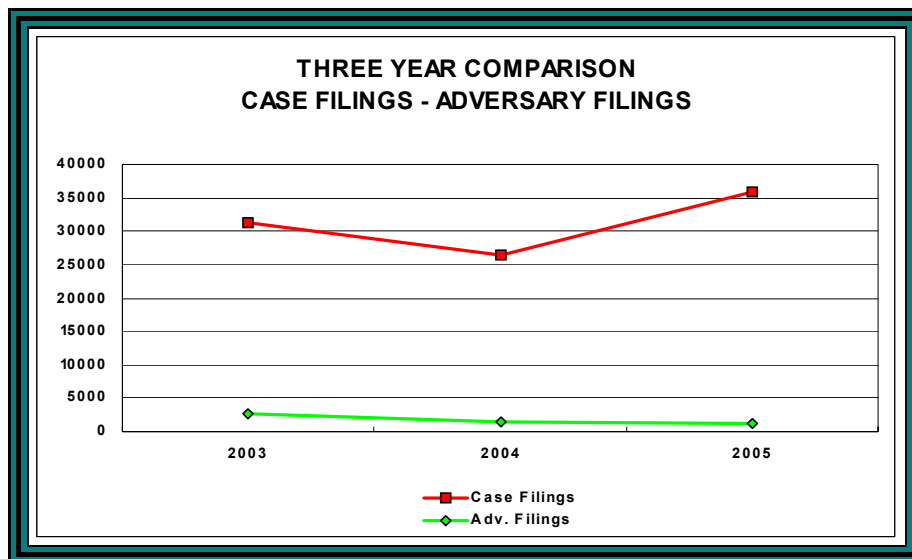
### I FILINGS

In 2005, case filings climbed to record numbers. District-wide a total of 35,905 petitions were filed representing a 35.6% increase over 2004. In October, our court followed the nation-wide trend of setting new records for bankruptcy cases filed in the weeks and days leading up to the implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) on October 17, 2005, with 11,394 case filings. This was the largest filing month in the history of this district. Our pending caseload also rose to a record high of 35,944, representing a 35.7% increase from 2004. Dade filings increased 32.3% with a total of 16,826 cases filed for the year (46.9% of total filings). Broward filings increased 32.9% with a total of 10,374 cases filed for the year (28.9% of total filings) and Palm Beach filings increased 46.1% with a total of 8,705 cases filed for the year (24.2% of total filings).

Chapter 13 filings continued in a downward trend decreasing 18.3% with a total of 4,706 filings. Chapter 7 filings (31,062) increased 51.1% and chapter 11 filings (132) decreased 14.8%.

Adversary proceeding filings totaled 1,327 representing a decline of 1.9% from the previous year.

There were 130 bankruptcy appeals filed and processed by the clerk's office, representing an 8.5% decrease from 2004.



## **II JUDGES' CORNER**

In 2005, our five bankruptcy judges reported a total of 693 days in court and 2,063 hours spent conducting in-court proceedings.

### **New Bankruptcy Judgeships**

The new bankruptcy legislation authorized two additional judgeships for this district for a total of seven judges. The Eleventh Circuit advertised the positions and the two finalists, John K. Olson and Laurel M. Isicoff, were selected late in the year. Judge Olson will be seated in Ft. Lauderdale and Judge Isicoff will be seated in Miami.

### **Visiting Judge Program**

The court received 32 weeks of visiting judge assistance from Judges Lessen, Schermer and Utchig, which contributed to this Court's closing of 1,236 adversary proceedings. With the appointment of two new judges for this district, the long-standing visiting judge program came to an end. While we are pleased to finally get these judgeships approved we will truly miss our veteran visiting judge team—Judge Lessen, Judge Schermer and Judge Utchig, who we consider part of our court family.

### **Passage of Bankruptcy Reform Act**

BAPCPA was signed into law on April 20, 2005, and most of the Act's provisions became effective on October 17, 2005. Enactment of BAPCPA not only led to a deluge of new petition filers in this court trying to beat the October 17, 2005 effective date, but it also impacted many of the Court's local procedures. The judges entered administrative orders which adopted the federal Interim Bankruptcy Rules and adopted interim local rules and procedures. All clerk's instructions, court guidelines and local and internal forms were reviewed and modified as necessary to accommodate the new law. The CM/ECF and related systems were programmed to accommodate fee increases and new docketing events. A web page was added to the Court's website to provide Reform Act information to the public which included links to the Administrative Office of the US Courts guidelines on fees, fee waivers and tax returns, to the US Court's website with the latest Interim Bankruptcy Rules and Forms, to the UST information on means test and credit counseling and to the National Creditor Registration program. Staff were provided with daily email training messages to provide them with an overview of the Bankruptcy Reform Act provisions and on going, in depth training is being conducted with staff on related new procedures.

## **Reenactment of Chapter 12**

Chapter 12 was reenacted effective July 1, 2005, and was expanded to include fishermen.

## **Amendments to Local Rules, Court Guidelines and Forms**

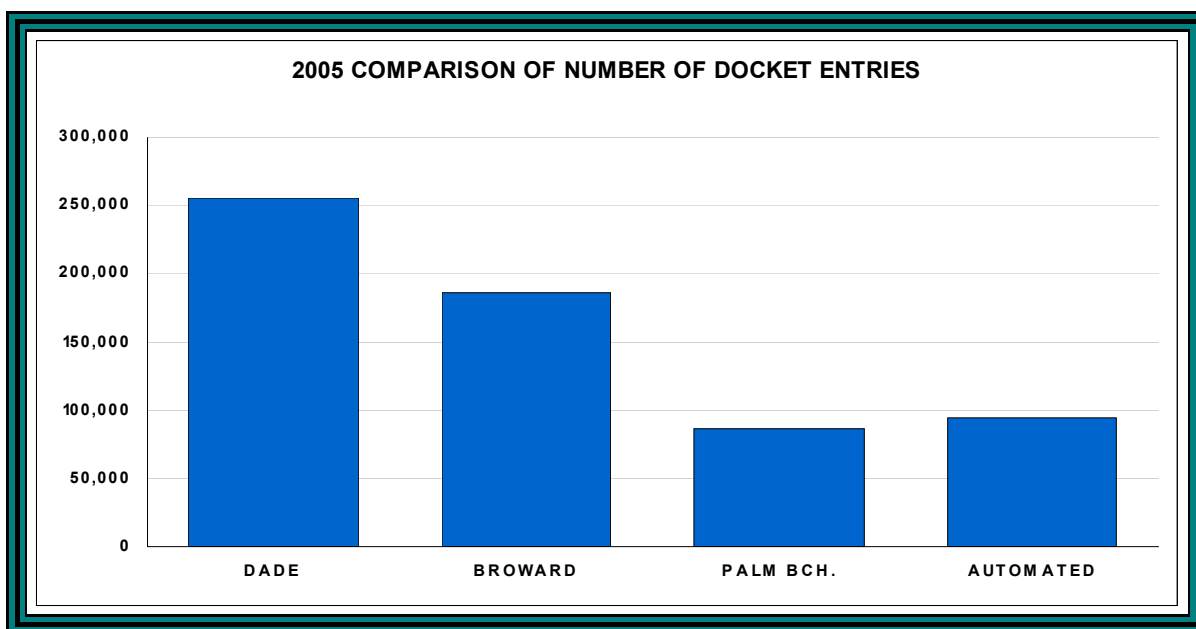
The court entered two significant administrative orders in 2005 to address CM/ECF and BAPCPA. Administrative Order 05-2 *“Implementation of Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) System”* established practices and procedures for electronic filing in this district in anticipation of the Court’s “go-live” date of October 17, 2005, and Administrative Order 05-5 *“Order Adopting Interim Local Rules and Procedures in Conjunction with Implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevent and Consumer Protection Act of 2005”*, which identified and implemented interim changes in existing local rules and forms, as well as adopting new procedures to facilitate implementation of the new or substantially amended provisions of the Bankruptcy Code as amended by the Reform Act. The court also re-established a local rules committee to revise existing local rules and adopt new rules as required under the Bankruptcy Reform Act.



### III COURT OPERATIONS

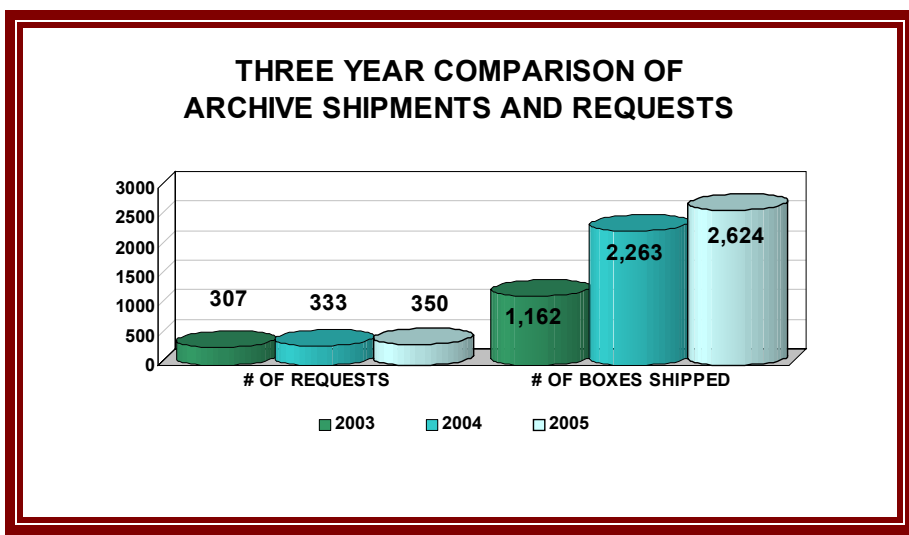
#### Case Administration and Claims

Docketing activity reports reflected a total of 527,537 BANCAP/CM-ECF entries (▼5.9%). The workload was spread over our three divisional offices as follows: Dade: 254,960 (▼5.4%); Broward:186,455 (▼7.7%); and West Palm Beach: 86,122 (▼14.8%). Automated entries totaled 94,386 (▲75.9%), accounting for 15.2% of total entries made during the year. Bankruptcy case closings for the year totaled 29,962 (▼2.5%).



#### Records

Records staff prepared and shipped 2624 boxes (▲15.5 %) of closed case records to the Federal Records Center and processed 350 requests for archived files throughout the district.



## Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC)

The BNC processed and mailed 2,016,758 paper notices (▲9.6%) and generated 521,545 (▲59.5%) electronic notices for a total of 2,538,303 notices (▲17.2%).

By the end of 2005, the BNC had 1,135 (▲16.5%) registered trading partners who are receiving PDF bankruptcy notices via email, Facsimile and/or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

## Case Management / Electronic Case Files [CM/ECF] Preparation and Conversion

2005 presented many new challenges to the CM/ECF implementation project team. In late 2004, it became abundantly clear that the court would have to postpone its initial “go-live” date of January 1, 2005. System delays coupled with divisional office closures due to the aftermath of two hurricanes crippled our best laid plans. However, in hindsight this delay worked to our advantage, as it afforded the CM/ECF training team an opportunity to finalize and thoroughly review all internal and external procedures, processes and other training/resource related materials and provided additional time to thoroughly test an updated version of the CM/ECF software. Consequently, a new “go-live” date of June 1, 2005, was established.

The CM/ECF training team geared-up to meet this new deadline and in the months that followed over 17 (4 hour) external training classes were conducted, comprised of attorneys and staff from the Office of the US Trustee, Chapter 13 Trustee, Chapter 7 trustees and several of this district’s “high volume” filers. The training classes were well received and were conducted in all three divisions.

In March 2005, our IT staff became increasingly concerned with the performance and reliability of the initial CM/ECF hardware delivered to the court back in October 2003. With numerous documented problems including several equipment failures, the clerk requested and the AO approved a new Linux-based server. Although this was great news it required that we again push back our “go-live” date to provide ample time to load the CM/ECF software and test the system.

Knowing that the courts would receive CM/ECF Version 2.7 in early September, the project team recommended and the court approved a new “go-live” date of **October 17, 2005**, in concert with the enactment of the BAPCPA.

On October 17, 2005, we turned-on the new CM/ECF servers, and took one giant leap forward into the new and exciting world of electronic filing. We have not looked back ever since. By the end of the year, a manageable size group of e-filers was using the system with positive feedback and favorable results.

Thanks to the efforts of the implementation project team, court staff and the continued support of the judges, we made the transition to CM/ECF a smooth and successful experience for the court and for the bar.

## **Filing Fee Changes**

Under BAPCPA, the following filing fees became effective on October 17, 2005:

Chapter 7 - Filing fee increased from \$209 to \$274.

Chapter 13 - Filing fee decreased from \$194 to \$189.

Chapter 11 - Filing fee increased from \$839 to \$1039.

Chapter 15: (new chapter under the Code) - \$ 1039 + total fee for chapter under which case will proceed).

Unrelated to BAPCPA, the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System approved a fee increase for filing an adversary proceeding to \$250.00, in keeping with the previously approved increase for filing a civil action in the district court, which was approved in September 2004.

## **Summary of 2005 Administrative Orders**

The following Administrative Orders were entered in 2005:

- AO 05-1: "Chapter 11 Case Management Summary" entered May 20, 2005 - implements a new required local form "Chapter 11 Case Management Summary" for all cases filed under or converted to chapter 11 on or after July 1, 2005;
- AO 05-2: "Implementation of Case Management-Electronic Case Files(CM/ECF)" - entered July 15, 2005 - establishes a "go-live" date of October 17, 2005, and implements policies and procedures for electronic filing in this district;
- AO 05-3: "Closing of Court, Temporary Closing of After Hours Depositories, Provisions for Emergency Matters and Extension of Deadlines During Case Management System Conversion from BANCAP to CM/ECF" - entered August 22, 2005;
- AO 05-4: "Adoption of Interim Bankruptcy Rules" - entered October 6, 2005 - to comply with recommendation of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference that courts adopt the interim rules to provide uniform procedure for implementing the Act;
- AO 05-5: "Order Adopting Interim Local Rules and Procedures in conjunction with Implementations of BAPCPA of 2005" - entered October 6, 2005;
- AO 05-6: "Chapter 13 Pre-Confirmation Payments." - entered October 6, 2005 to implement the requirements of 11 U.S.C. Section 1326(a)(1) as amended by

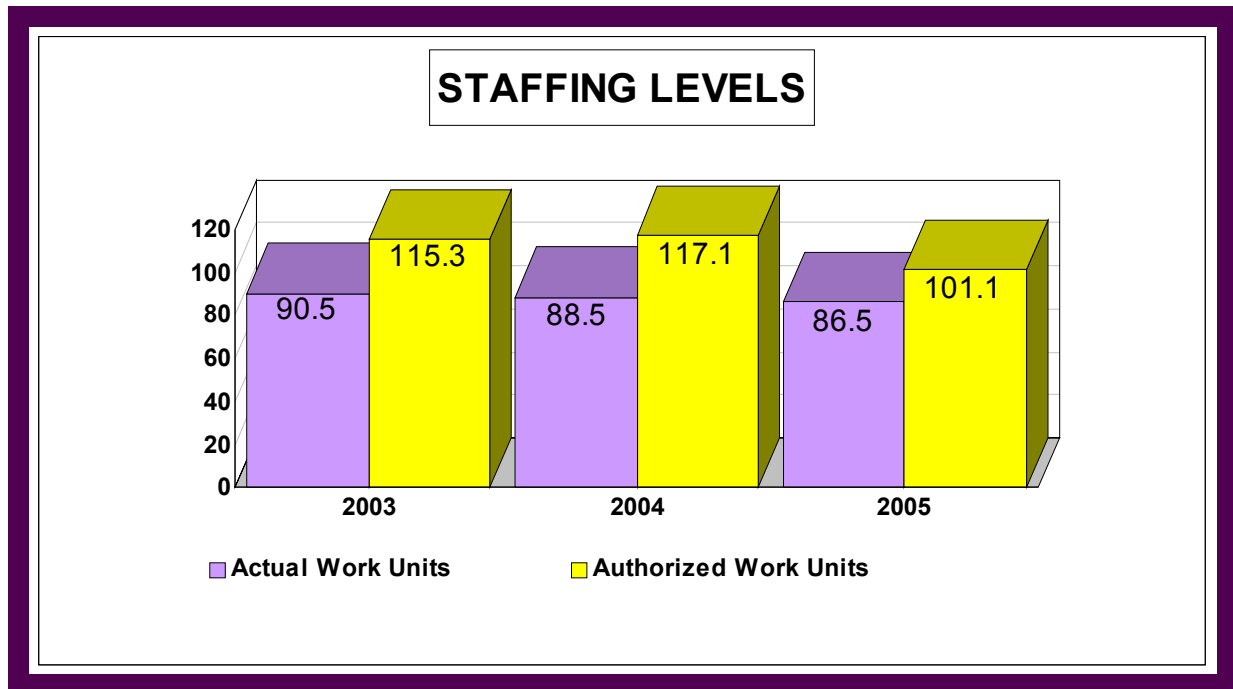
the BAPCPA consistent with the practice in this district;

- AO 05-7: “Modification of Procedures for Abandonment of Property in Chapter 13 Cases - entered October 6, 2005, to modify the provisions set forth under Local Rule 6007-1(B)(2) due to changes in statutory reporting requirements of trustees;
- AO 05-8: “Appointment of Standing Advisory Committee for the Study of the Rules of Practice and Internal Operating Procedures of the Court” entered October 6, 2005;
- AO 05-9: “Order Extending Filing Deadlines Due to Court Closing for Hurricane Wilma” entered November 1, 2005;
- AO 05-10: “Modification of Judicial Assignments for Chapter 13 Cases Venued in Broward and West Palm Beach Division and For North Dade Cases” entered November 18, 2005, to adjust the case assignment process in the Northern Division in conjunction with Judge Hyman’s assignment to the West Palm Beach Division and the addition of the new judges.

## IV HUMAN RESOURCES

### Staffing Levels

The staffing allocation for 2005 was 101.1, a decrease of 16.0 work units. At the end of 2005, the clerk's office was staffed with 86 full-time and one part-time employees.



### Recruitment

In a continued effort to maintain our headcount below the authorized work units, recruitment in 2005 was again at a minimum. Hiring decisions were made based on the needs of the court.

In 2005, we had three separations. One position was filled internally, two positions remained vacant.

## **V IT SERVICES**

In 2005, the IT Services Department completed the most challenging and complex project it has ever undertaken: the implementation of the CM/ECF system. In addition, IT Services staff worked on many other projects during the year, including several which were related to weather emergencies, such as the relocation of West Palm Beach staff and their computer equipment into leased, temporary office space as a result of 2004 hurricane damage to the Paul G. Rogers Federal Building. Also, on three separate occasions in 2005, IT Services took steps to safeguard the critical computer facilities that were endangered by the passing of hurricanes through the South Florida region, with the last storm (Hurricane Wilma) forcing the shutdown of all court data centers. After each storm passing, IT Services brought court information systems back into service as quickly as possible, to minimize computer downtime and its impact on the Court's operations and productivity.

### **A. NETWORK ENHANCEMENTS**

In early February, the network team completed the upgrade of the ELMO leave management software Version 5.27 in an effort to improve reporting features. A month later Versions 5.29 and 5.30 were deployed.

During the months of June through August, The network team set up and thoroughly tested a new Windows 2003 server running the latest Symantec AntiVirus Server and Client Security software. To enhance the Court's security, the network team migrated all servers and customers to the new version of Symantec AntiVirus Client software.

In anticipation of the build-out of the West Palm Beach court site, the network team delivered the technical specifications in early July for the electrical and network connections needed to support all IT data center infrastructure in the facility. As part of the ELMO replacement project and as a platform to house other new applications, a new server hardware equipped with the latest Windows 2003 Server and SQL Server 2000 database software were installed. The ELMO database and all needed applications were migrated to this new version of the SQL Server software.

With the continued computer virus and spyware threats, the network team added additional protection by installing the WebRoot Spyware Sweeper software. Enhancing and protecting the Court's servers and client PC's from the effects of spyware.

### **B. CM/ECF**

IT Services' primary focus during the year was on the completion of the CM/ECF implementation in our court. The time-line below demonstrates some of the project milestones:

January - The AO's Systems Deployment & Support Division was notified that the new Hewlett Packard tape library (tape backup system) was working very reliably in performing backups of our existing, Solaris-based CM/ECF system and successfully restoring data from this tape unit to the CM/ECF server. Chief Judge Mark approved the Chapter 11 Ballot

Report program which was developed internally and could be run from the CM/ECF Reports menu. The applications and UNIX team completed the installation of the CM/ECF Release 2.6 updates to the “test” CM/ECF system.

February - The applications team worked hard to apply all modifications that had been installed in the “test” CM/ECF system into the “training” system, in preparation for the March 2 Chapter 13 Trustee training class. The CM/ECF Project Manager was notified that the AO-recommended work-around steps that would fix CM/ECF MR (Modification Request) 1209 and MR 1430 (related to the extraction of CM/ECF data that is transmitted to the U.S. Trustee’s computer system) had been successfully installed and tested. The program analyst installed the Reduced Paper Module in the “test” CM/ECF system enabling the court to eliminate paper BNC notices for those e-filers who already receive notices through NEF e-mail messages. After successfully testing the module it was installed on the “Live” CM/ECF system.

March - The system programmer delivered a custom report to the CM/ECF Dictionary Team as an enhanced docket activity quality assurance tool.

April - A prototype conversion test of legacy BANCAP-based data into CM/ECF was completed. Initial test results indicated that it would take almost three full days to convert all legacy BANCAP case data into the CM/ECF platform prior to going live on CM/ECF. The AO notified our court that it would receive the latest server hardware configured to run the Linux version of CM/ECF. IT Services completed the necessary modifications to prepare for the delivery and installation of this equipment. In addition, IT Services staff was also scheduled for the required Linux training.

June - The new, Linux CM/ECF hardware arrived on June 16. With the project completion deadline of October 17 just four months away, the applications team immediately set about coordinating with the hardware vendor for the installation and power-up of this equipment, which took place on June 17. The team next began the process of setting up the new hardware and its software, including the configuration and activation of tape backup programs. Also during this period, the system programmer focused on installing numerous programming modifications to the standard CM/ECF software that had been requested by the project team, which brought added functionality to the product. Chief among these modifications was the E-Orders electronic order processing module.

For the next several months the applications team worked closely with AO personnel to thoroughly test their programs for converting all legacy BANCAP data (including all archived case data, “mega” case data, and archived creditors) into CM/ECF.

September - Release 2.7 version of the CM/ECF application software (complaint with the provisions of BAPCPA) was successfully loaded into the live CM/ECF system. In addition to the new release, all local modifications that had been completed up to that date were also loaded. Further testing and modifications to CM/ECF continued almost right up to the October 17 go-live date. The program analyst completed her work on all BNC forms intended to be ready in conjunction with the activation of CM/ECF. In preparation for CM/ECF, the network team had installed and set up numerous hardware and software.

October - IT Services staff completed the final conversion of all legacy BANCAP data to CM/ECF, thus allowing the court to activate CM/ECF as its new case management system on October 17-18. In addition, the CM/ECF version of the ESP hearing calendar program (Version 5.3), was successfully activated. By October 26 our CM/ECF server had begun transmitting its data to the AO Replication Center's server.

November - IT Services reported that all legacy claims images had converted from the eClaim system to the CM/ECF server, and that the old WebPACER server, which had been providing legacy claims images to the public, would shortly be deactivated. The migration of the VCIS (Voice Case Information System) service was completed, so that it now extracted case data from the CM/ECF database, instead of from the now obsolete BANCAP system.

### **C. PC OFFICE AUTOMATION**

In early January, the network team worked with Property & Procurement Section staff to process and transfer numerous obsolete pc's, video monitors, printers, and other old automation equipment to the U.S. Coast Guard. This property disposal process eliminated almost 180 pieces of old computer equipment.

In the beginning of the year, West Palm Beach staff were still working in the Court's Fort Lauderdale office, due to their relocation from the Paul G. Rogers Building (which had been damaged by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne during the prior year). In February, the network team installed a sufficient quantity of computer equipment in the new, temporary West Palm Beach divisional office (The Forum Building Complex) to provide a new base of operations for the deputy clerks and judicial staff. In April, the network team completed the transfer of all other remaining computer equipment from the Paul G. Rogers Building to the Bankruptcy Court's Miami office.

During the year, IT Services staff worked with managers to identify the products and services that were needed to improve or repair the Court's information systems. With the assistance of Property & Procurement Section personnel, IT Services prepared the necessary requests for expenditure and approval to initiate the acquisition of these products and services. For the fiscal year ending in October 2005, IT Services had initiated requests for IT-related products and services, with a total expenditure of \$236,636.

In response to the unprecedented level of new cases filed in this court during September and October of 2005, a number of court employees requested connectivity to the Court's network using Virtual Private Network (VPN) technology, which uses high-speed, broadband Internet access, to work from their homes. The network team facilitated these connections, by setting up the VPN client software on their pc's, and training them how to use it. By the end of the year, twenty-four members of the court, including judges, law clerks, managers, and deputy clerks, had been authorized to connect to the VPN.



## **VI COURT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

In preparation for the CM/ECF implementation, the Financial office thoroughly tested the FINSYS application with the San Diego Bankruptcy Court cash registering software. The financial deputies were introduced to the world of online credit card payments. A new interface was tested to transfer online payments to the traditional FINSYS accounting ledger. In conjunction with the go-live date of CM/ECF, the director of administrative services developed and implemented cash register training for the Miami operations staff. The FTL operations supervisor developed a simplified quick reference guide for the cashiers to assist in the roll out and conversion from the old DOS based cash register software to the new Windows based cash register software. The main enhancement included the ability for each intake clerk to have their own cash register software running on their computer and the ability to auto-docket cash register receipts to CM/ECF. In addition, a thorough credit card reconciliation process and procedures were developed in accordance with the AO accounting guidelines.

Contractual service issues proved to be a challenge for our administrative staff. Early in the year, the Court's mail courier, Esquire Express, was terminated for failure to meet its contractual obligations, and a new contract was solicited and awarded to Lincoln Messenger Services for the remainder of the fiscal year. In August, the on-site copying service license agreement with Pacific Photo for the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale offices was terminated due to the vendor's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Judicial Research replaced Pacific in both offices effective August 25, 2005.

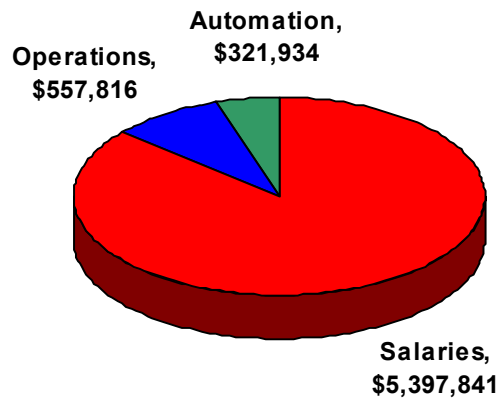
In the area of emergency preparedness, the Court's Continuity of Operations Plan was completed and submitted for approval. In an effort to improve the Court's ability to communicate during disastrous times, the court performed an analysis of the blackberry wireless devices. Possibly eliminating cell phones and pagers and replacing them with blackberry wireless devices where applicable.

The Court's Budget Organizational Plan was revised in accordance with the Financial Accounting System for Tomorrow (FAS<sub>4</sub>T). September 2005 brought the completion of the administrative sections second year on the FAS<sub>4</sub>T accounting system. October brought the initialization of a new fiscal year in the FAS<sub>4</sub>T accounting system.

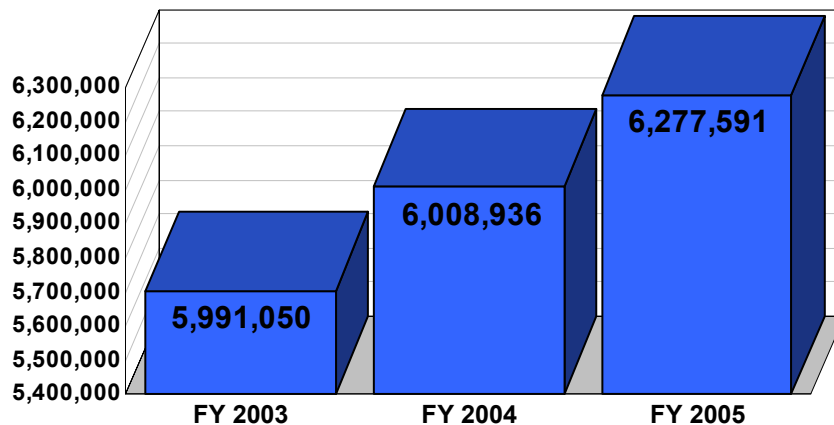
## DECENTRALIZED BUDGET

In spite of the continued threat of budget shortfalls for FY 2004 and FY 2005, the court was able to fund additional training for CM/ECF, replace obsolete office equipment, purchase software and equipment for the implementation of CM/ECF, replace hurricane damaged furniture, and various tenant alteration projects. The funding for these projects were attributed to personnel savings, which were attained by continuing to maintain staffing levels below the AO's authorized level and prudent spending by the Administrative Section budget/procurement team on behalf of the court.

**Distribution of 2005 Expenditures  
by Fund**



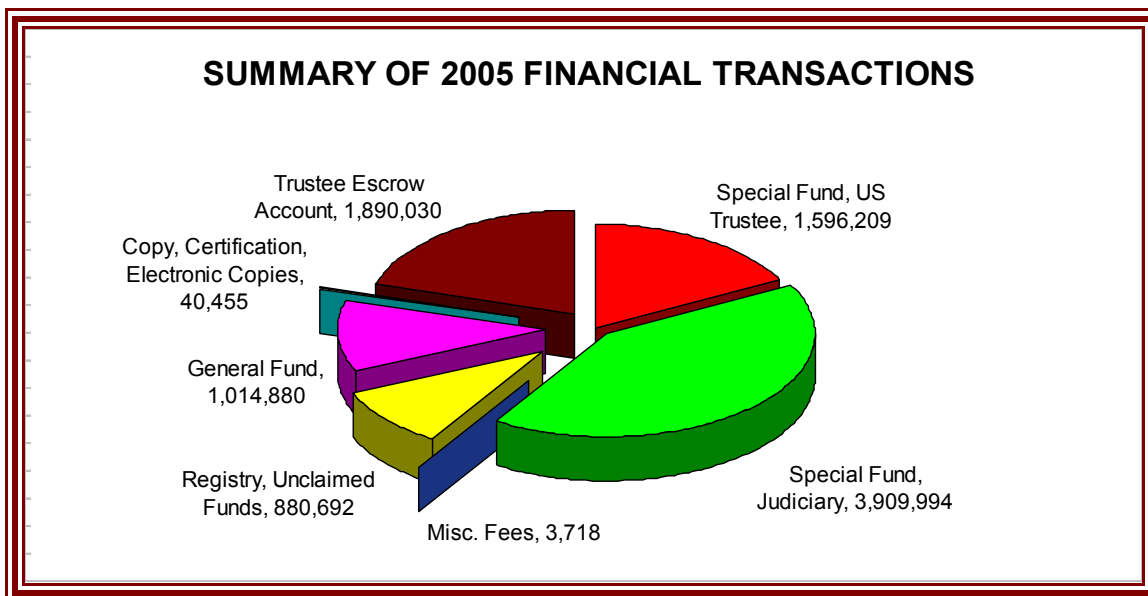
**THREE YEAR COMPARISON  
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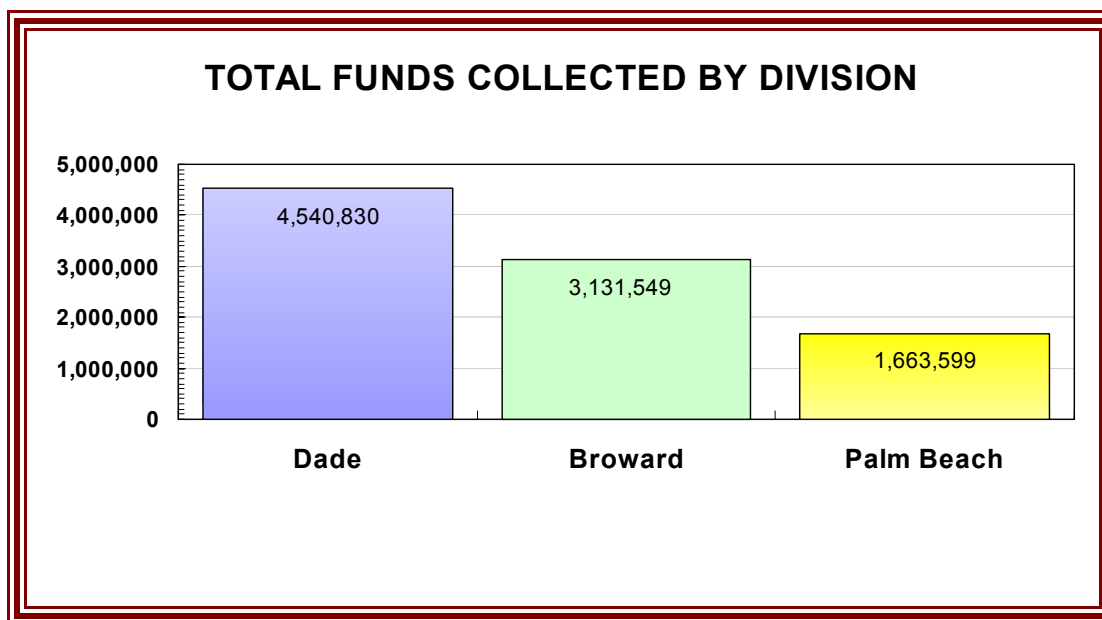
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### Financial Transactions

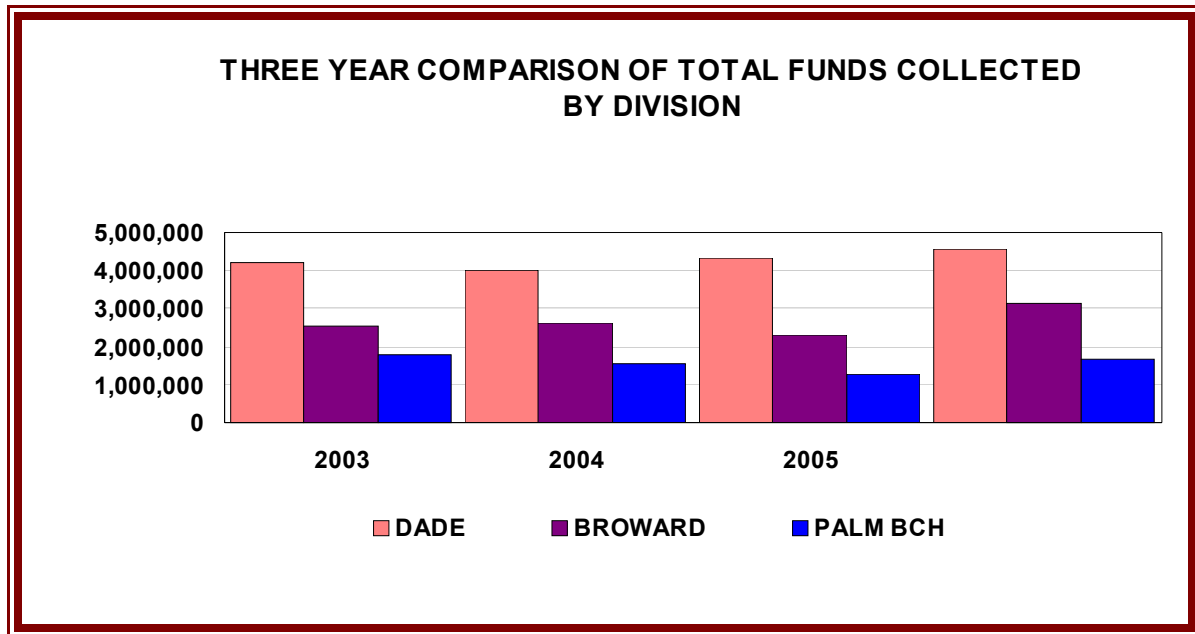
All courts maintain accounting systems that provide for the proper classification of, and accounting for, all financial transactions that flow through the court. All financial transactions are classified by fund accounts to which they relate. These fund accounts of the United States Treasury are classified within fund groups by certain programs and activities. They are used to account for the receipts and expenditures of the Judiciary. The total amount of funds collected in the district was \$9,335,978.



Below is a summary by division of the total funds collected in 2005.

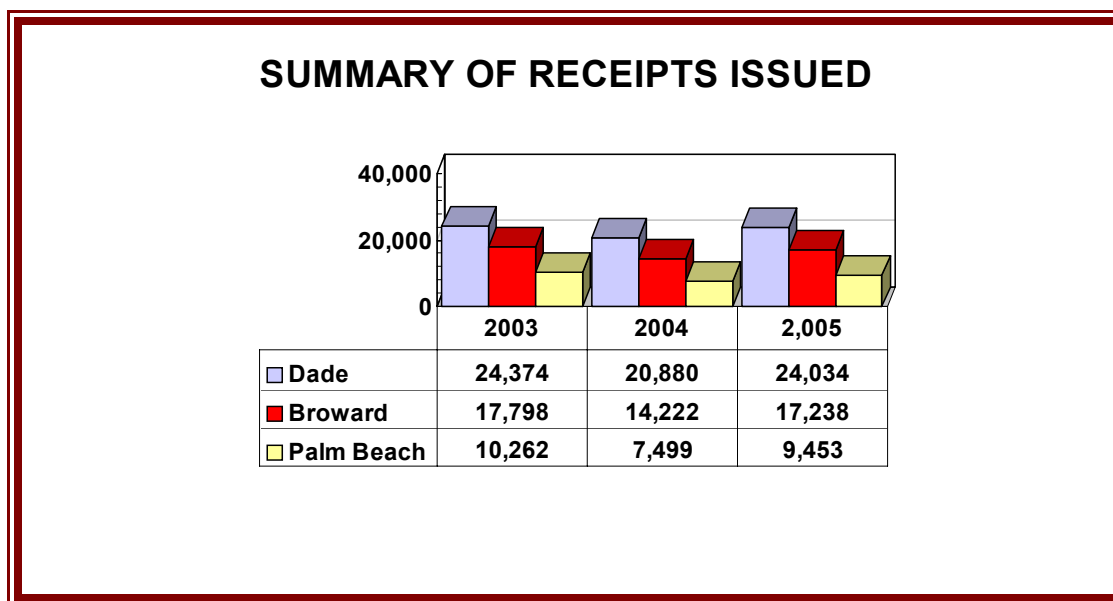


Below is a three-year comparison by division of the total funds collected.



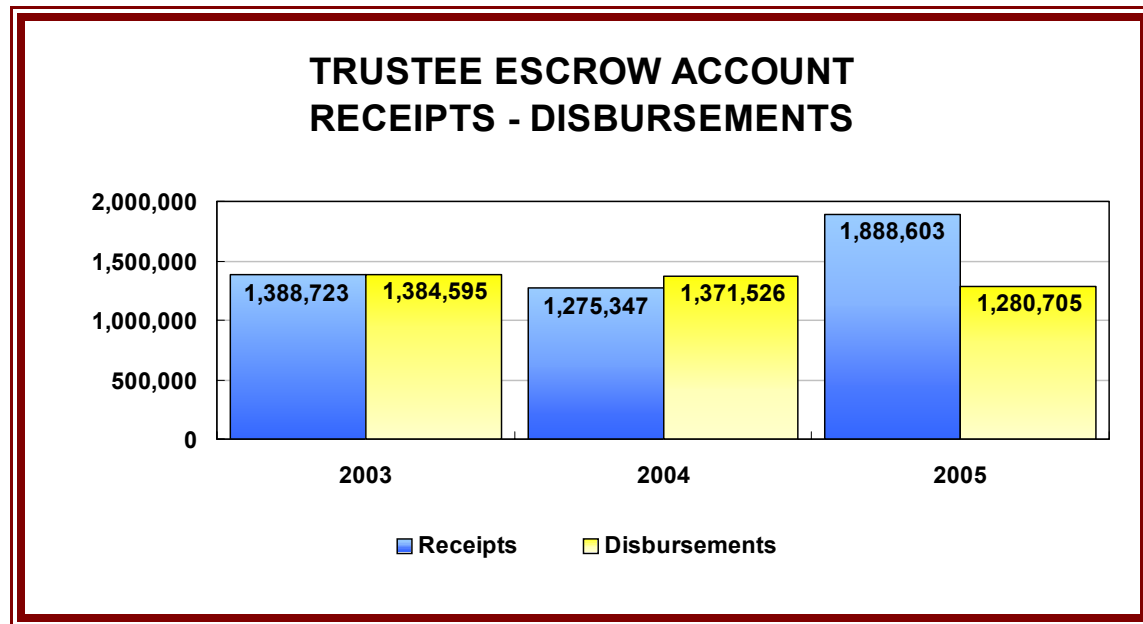
## Receipts

Below is a summary by division of the number of receipts issued in 2005.



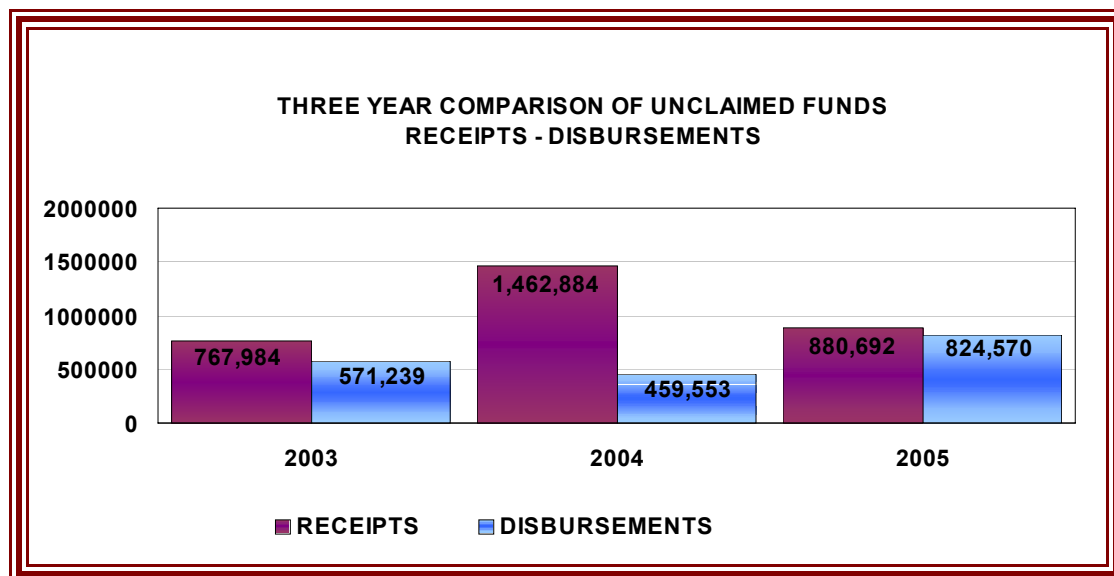
## Trustee Voucher Payments

In 2005, trustee escrow fund disbursements of chapter 7 panel trustee fees exceeded \$1.28 million.



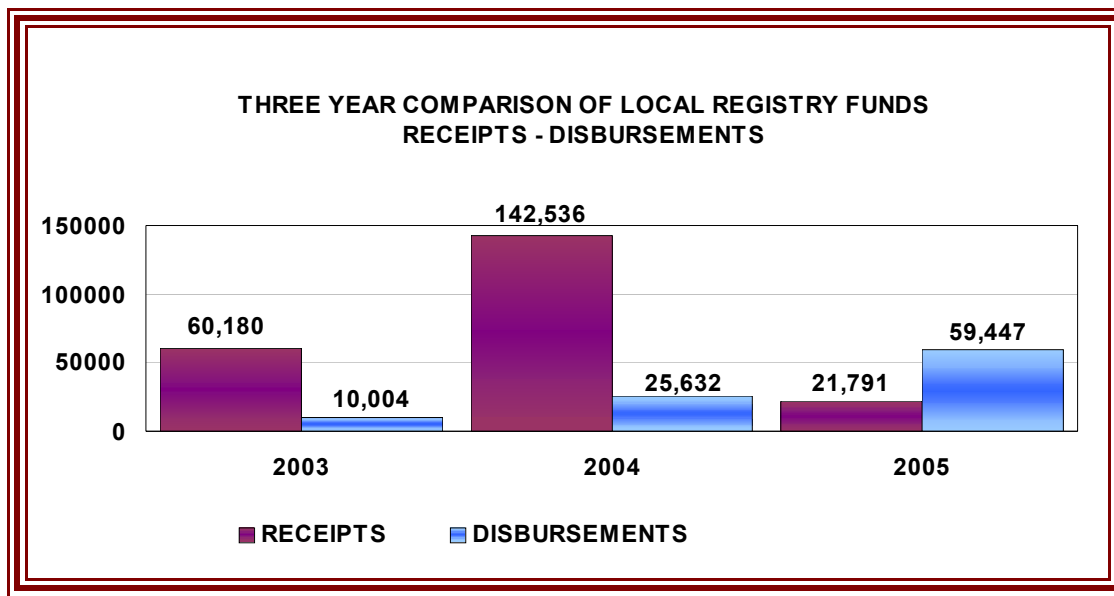
## Unclaimed Funds

In 2005, unclaimed funds deposits totaled \$880,692 reflecting a 39.8% decrease from the previous year's deposits. Unclaimed funds disbursed by the financial office in 2005 increased 118.5% over 2004.



## Registry Funds

The Local Registry Account represents funds deposited outside the Treasury in a local commercial financial institution. Registry funds are funds received by the court to be held pending resolution of litigation or determination of ownership. The role of the court is to act as a guardian or custodian of the funds until the matter is resolved. Below is a three year comparison of local registry funds received and disbursed.



## **VII SPACE AND FACILITIES**

### **A. MIAMI**

During fiscal year 2005 numerous cyclical maintenance projects were completed. These projects included painting, carpet replacement, refinishing the doors, replacement of chair rails, and the replacement of the clerk's office main entrance doors on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor.

In anticipation of the appointment of the new judgeship assigned to Miami, the visiting judge's chambers and courtroom received a thorough inspection. All necessary items were cataloged and estimates for the work were requested from GSA.

### **B. FORT LAUDERDALE**

Space and funding requests were sent to the Administrative Office in anticipation of the new FTL judgeship. The courtroom and chambers project, design and construction, is anticipated to be completed in late 2007. In the interim, our new judge will occupy space vacated by the transfer of Judge Hyman to the West Palm Beach division.

### **C. WEST PALM BEACH**

In mid-November 2004, the Paul G. Rogers Courthouse was closed at the direction of Chief District Judge Zloch as a precaution, in response to environmental concerns that resulted from hurricane damage. Test results indicated that mold was present in the building and could create a health hazard. It was determined that the building would remain closed until repairs were completed. In March 2005, all court operations were permitted to move into temporary leased space at the Forum Building Complex. The clean-up and repairs are expected to take approximately six months.

The 2005 hurricane season proved to be no kinder to the West Palm Beach division than the 2004 season. The district was again hit by two major hurricanes, Katrina and Wilma. Minor roof damage to the Forum Building required the court to close for several days. The Rogers Building suffered additional damage. Repairs are now expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2006. Because of the anticipated delay, the Court requested permission to remain in the Forum Building until the construction of the Court's permanent new leased space is completed. After much consideration by the Circuit and the Administrative Offices, the Court's request was granted.

The space design drawings for the new leased space were finalized in September and provided to the building architect to prepare construction drawings. Final construction drawings are expected to be completed and submitted to the City of West Palm Beach building department for permitting in January 2006. The build-out is expected to be completed by August 2006.

#### **D. FORT PIERCE**

The court was approved 1,200 s.f. in the new Fort Pierce courthouse. The design phase for the Fort Pierce project continued through 2005 and is expected to be completed early 2006. Congress did not fund any court construction projects in FY 2006. GSA anticipates requesting construction funding in FY 2007.



## **VIII TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

### **CM/ECF Training Initiatives**

The clerk's office resumed its training efforts throughout 2005, building upon initiatives from the prior year. The CM/ECF system continued to evolve as the clerk's office added new programs and modified the existing platform to provide for more efficient functionality. In addition, procedural changes were necessary in order to accommodate the e-filing environment and dedicated training databases, both internal and external, were configured for testing purposes. Furthermore, these training databases were utilized exclusively during the 890 hours of instructor-led classroom training, as well as for the self-paced practice exercises by staff when new and/or modified docket dictionary events and/or HTML forms were created.

### **Applications & Dictionary Training**

During the Spring of 2005, members of the project team and other key staff participated in a three-day workshop in Miami led by Kate Stevens and Darlyne Thompson, from the Systems Deployment and Support Division (Training Branch). This advanced workshop was designed to analyze the editing functions within the CM/ECF application and to apply learned concepts and procedures to maintaining the accuracy of the courts data. As the class progressed, the two instructors provided invaluable guidance as they shared other Court's quality control experiences, processes and procedures. This workshop ultimately helped shape and formalize the current docket dictionary, our written internal and external filing procedures and provided alternatives for integrating and applying corrective measures.

### **Outreach to External Filers**

Also during the Spring of 2005, the clerk's office expanded its outreach training to the Office of the U.S. Trustee, Chapter 7 panel trustees, Chapter 13 trustees, and three of our highest volume attorney filers and their staff. In a formalized classroom setting, these 4 hour training classes provided practical hands-on experience with the CM/ECF application, allowing participants to enter sample data. A comprehensive agenda was created covering such critical areas as the administrative order implementing CM/ECF, review of newly required forms and processes, case opening and various filing procedures, demonstration of the E-Orders program in which orders are uploaded and electronically signed, and a review of all query and report features of the CM/ECF application.

Each class ended with specific instructions on how the attending participants must complete a set of proficiency exercises before becoming eligible to receive a login and password to gain access to the "LIVE" CM/ECF system. As needed, some participants requested and received additional refresher training before going live. Due to the success of our training initiatives, the agenda presented to the attendees was distributed to other bankruptcy court clerk's offices similarly entering this phase of their CM/ECF implementation.

The project team also participated in events sponsored by the district's local county bar associations. These informal gatherings served as a vehicle to inform the prospective e-filing community about our implementation progress, provided the forum for questions to be asked and answered, assisted with the preparation of the firms state of readiness and for an opportunity to distribute informative brochures and other CM/ECF related materials.

### **Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop**

The Fifteenth Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop originally scheduled for August 25 & 26, was postponed due to Hurricane Katrina. A condensed one-day program was rescheduled for September 30, 2006, at the University of Miami Storer Auditorium. The Clerk's Office portion of the program included a power point review of Administrative Order 05-2 implementing CM/ECF in this district, and a power point presentation on procedural changes resulting from the new bankruptcy law.

Chief Judge Mark, Judge Cristol and Judge Friedman also participated in a panel discussion on substantive and procedural effects of the new legislation on local practice.

### **BAPCPA Training**

The Federal Judicial Center offered two FJTN programs on Implementing BAPCPA: one geared towards judges and their law clerks and the other geared towards unit executives, court managers and supervisors. Additionally, in a collaborative effort, the Administrative Office and the Federal Judicial Center facilitated two national audio conferences on implementing the Reform Act. Our CM/ECF project team and other key staff participated in these conferences together with court staff throughout the country. Court managers also conducted individual training classes for all staff to review the provisions of Administrative Order 05-5, and our Legal Management Advisor, Debbie Lewis, provided ongoing e-mail training messages and quizzes on pertinent portions of the new law.

### **2005 Bankruptcy Court Operational Practices Forum - August 17-19, Washington, D.C.**

The Administrative Office, in partnership with the Federal Judicial Center, sponsored a Bankruptcy Court Operational Practices Forum on August 17 - 19, 2005, in Washington , D.C., which was attended by the Operations Manager. The goal of the conference was to document successful operational practices and procedures resulting from BAPCPA. The conference also provided an opportunity for the participants to network with other court staff and exchange useful operational practice's information.

## **2005 National Conference for Bankruptcy Clerks, Bankruptcy Administrators, Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Clerks and Chief Deputy Clerks - November 7-9, Seattle, Washington**

The clerk and chief deputy attended this two and one-half day conference. The program theme was "Positioning the Bankruptcy Courts for the Future: Vision–Action–Results." The conference focused on the challenges faced by the bankruptcy courts in implementing BAPCPA, existing and projected budget constraints, rapidly evolving technology, courthouse security and ongoing public outreach.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TRAINING**

Throughout the year, the financial deputies and numerous administrative staff attended internal CM/ECF training in preparation of the go-live date of October 17 and affects of BAPCPA on administrative functions.

The property and procurement office attended a local GSA Property Management and Disposal Seminar. This work shop proved to be an asset in reviewing and clarifying property and disposal procedures. Court staff were able to interact directly with local GSA personnel responsible for allocating excessed property to other federal agencies.

The director of administrative services attended a local FEMA Train the Trainer/COOP Management Course. Which assisted in the Court's development of the Continuity of Operations Plan. In addition, the director of administrative services also attended several Federal Executive Board workshops on COOP operations.

In December, the technology specialist attended the INTUITY AUDIX Multimedia Messaging Solutions Basic Administration class at Avaya University in Altamonte Springs.

### **TRAINING DELIVERED BY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

Up until her departure from the court in May, Computer Software Training Specialist Lara Loucks continued the successful training program in coordination with Pamela Shuler, Operations Training Specialist. In February, Lara delivered three sessions of the following class: 2064 Supporting Adobe Acrobat in a CM/ECF Environment, as part of the SoftWare Applications Training (SWAT) program, through which the USBC-SDFL deputy clerks learn to use automation tools and receive software-related training. In addition, Lara assisted in planning, coordinating, and preparing training materials for the numerous CM/ECF-related training classes scheduled during the first half of 2005.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF TRAINING RECEIVED BY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES STAFF**

In June, IT Services staff attended the AO-sponsored SAT-400 Linux System Administration course in San Antonio, Texas.

## **IX COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Throughout the year, court staff participated in various charitable programs. The bankruptcy court is proud to employ such generous and caring people. The generosity of staff is used to invest in solutions that not only change lives, but change our communities by helping children achieve success, making families strong, promoting economic independence, staying healthy and well, caring for our elderly, and responding to emergencies.

### **Hurricane Relief Effort**

This was a tough year again with storms devastating many areas. Staff once again opened their hearts and their pockets in an effort to help others by contributing through the Federal Court Clerks Association.

### **Tsunami Relief Effort**

Staff joined hands with AmeriCares and CitiHope in their efforts to support the Tsunami victims. Additionally, many sent checks totaling \$2268 to these organizations for assistance in purchasing much needed items.

### **Food Drive**

For the second year, the South Florida Federal Community in collaboration with local emergency food assistance organizations sponsored a food drive, FED by the FEDs". The purpose was to assist emergency food organizations in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe eradicate hunger in their communities. Once again our staff stepped up to the plate and donated food items to assist in this effort.

### **Combined Federal Campaign**

Again this year, we rose to the occasion and showed what a generous court family we are. In 2005, we surpassed our goal with contributions totaling \$10,812.

### **Holiday Gift Program**

This is such a rewarding community event. The Holiday Gift Program gives us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those children who are less fortunate. During this event, we not only open our wallets, we also open our hearts. In 2005, we brightened the holidays for 35 children.

# APPENDICES



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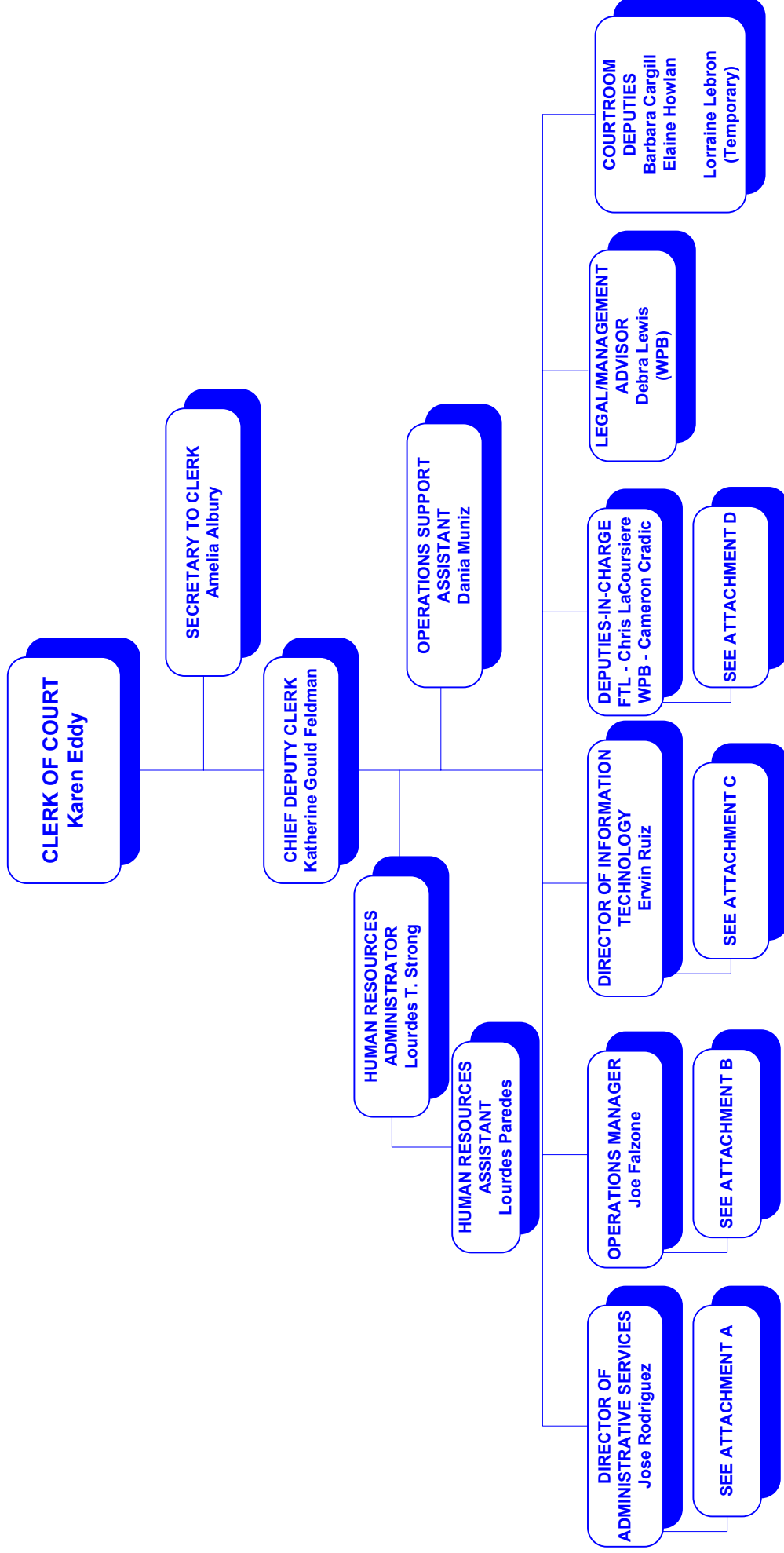
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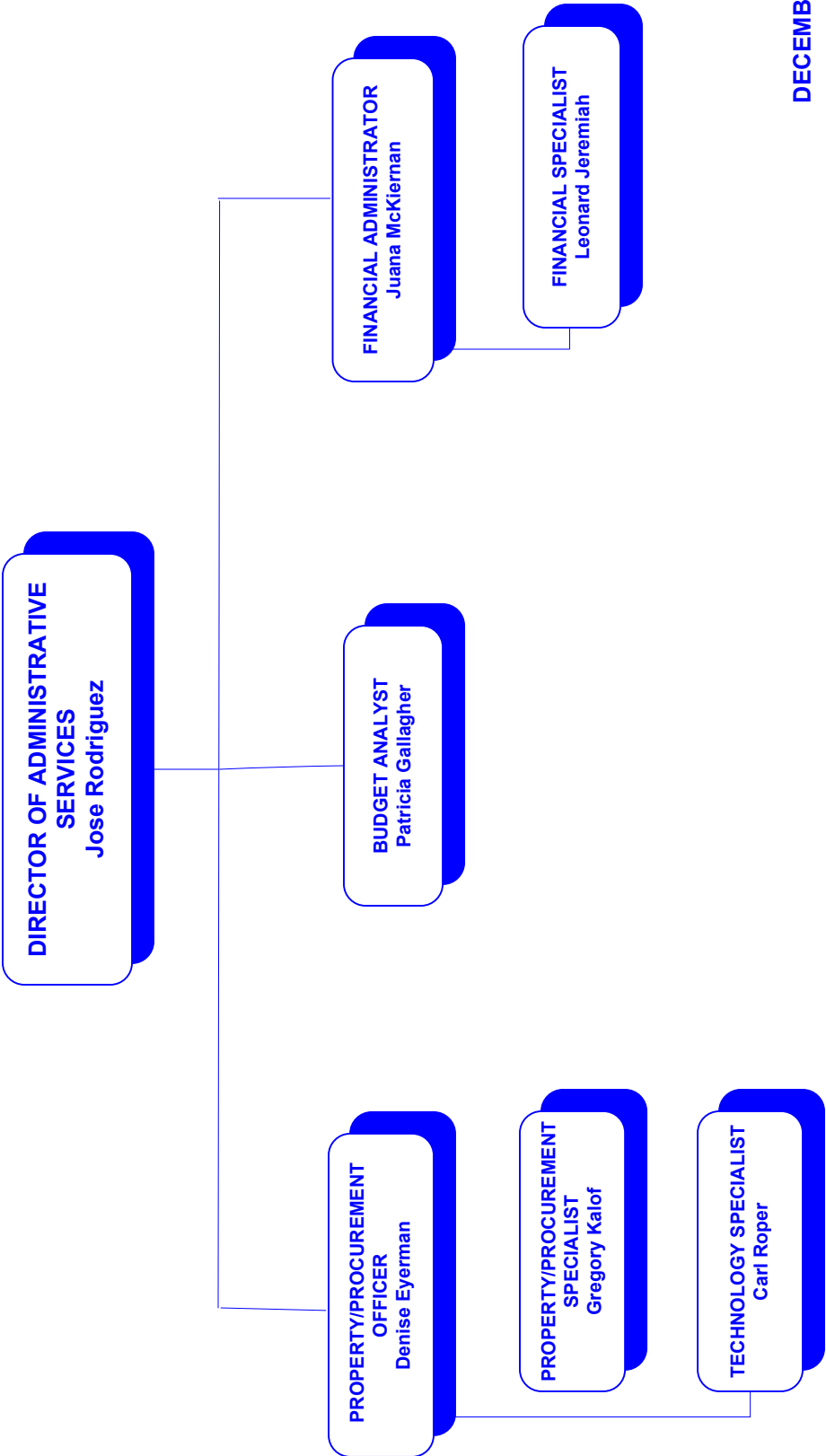


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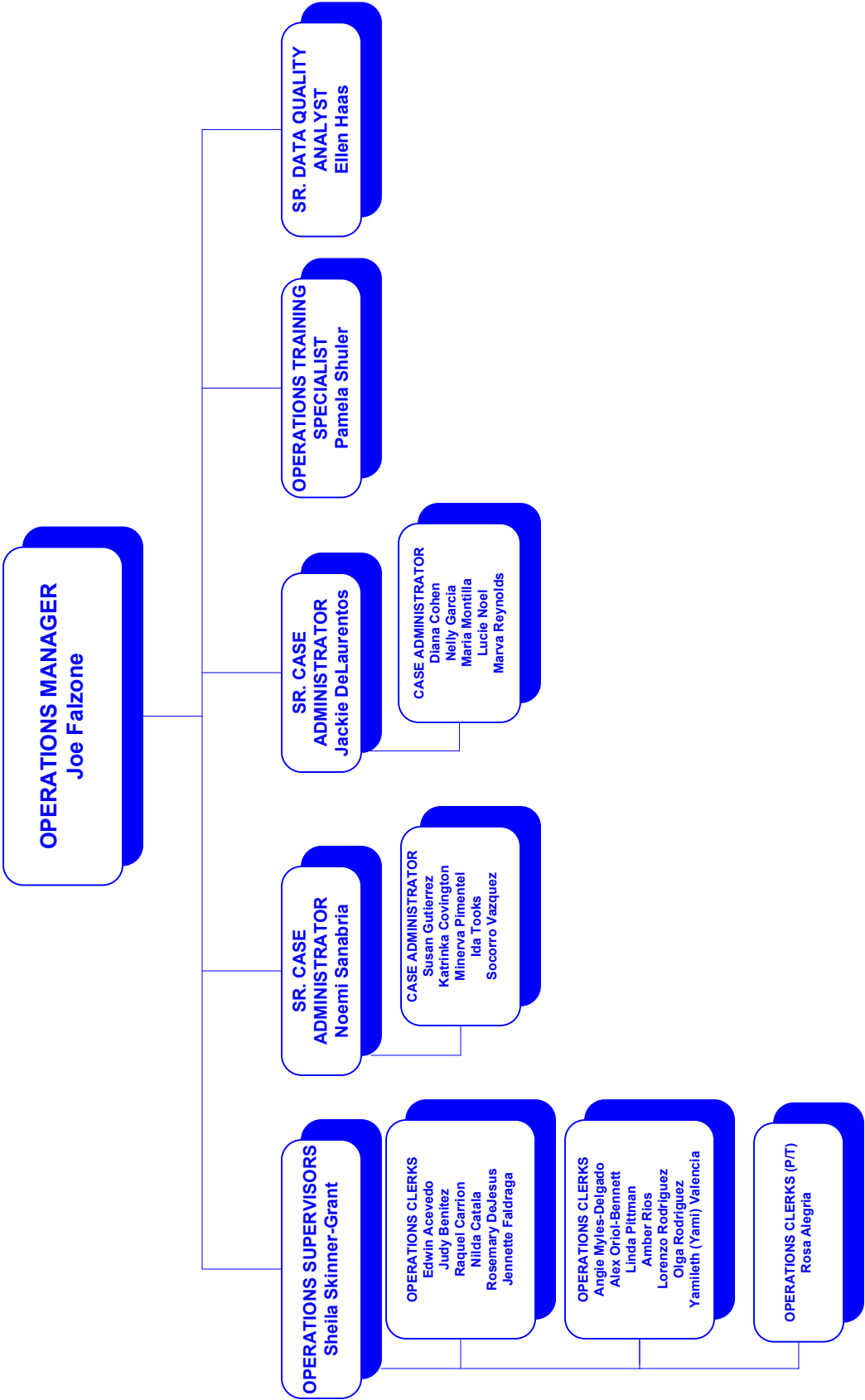
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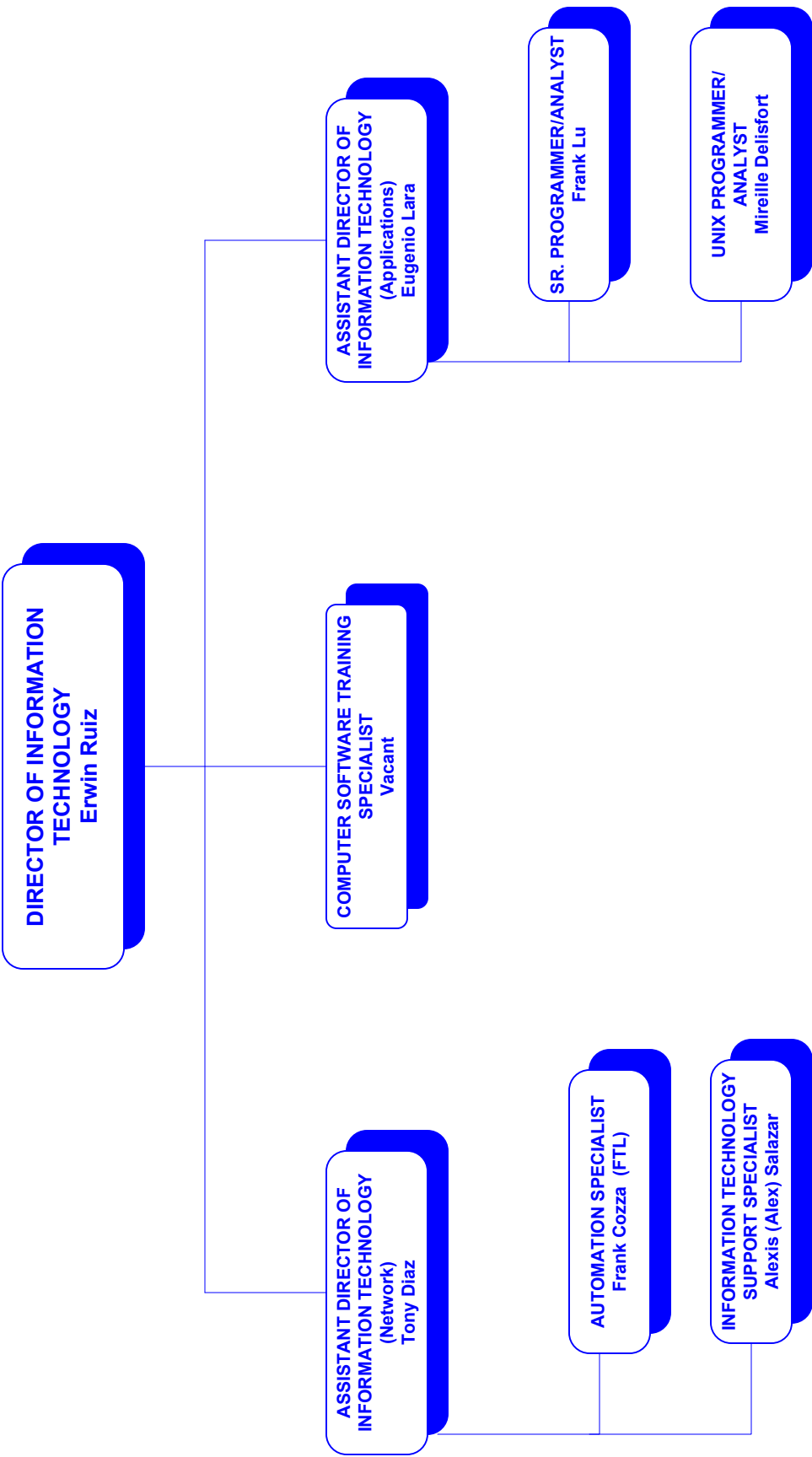
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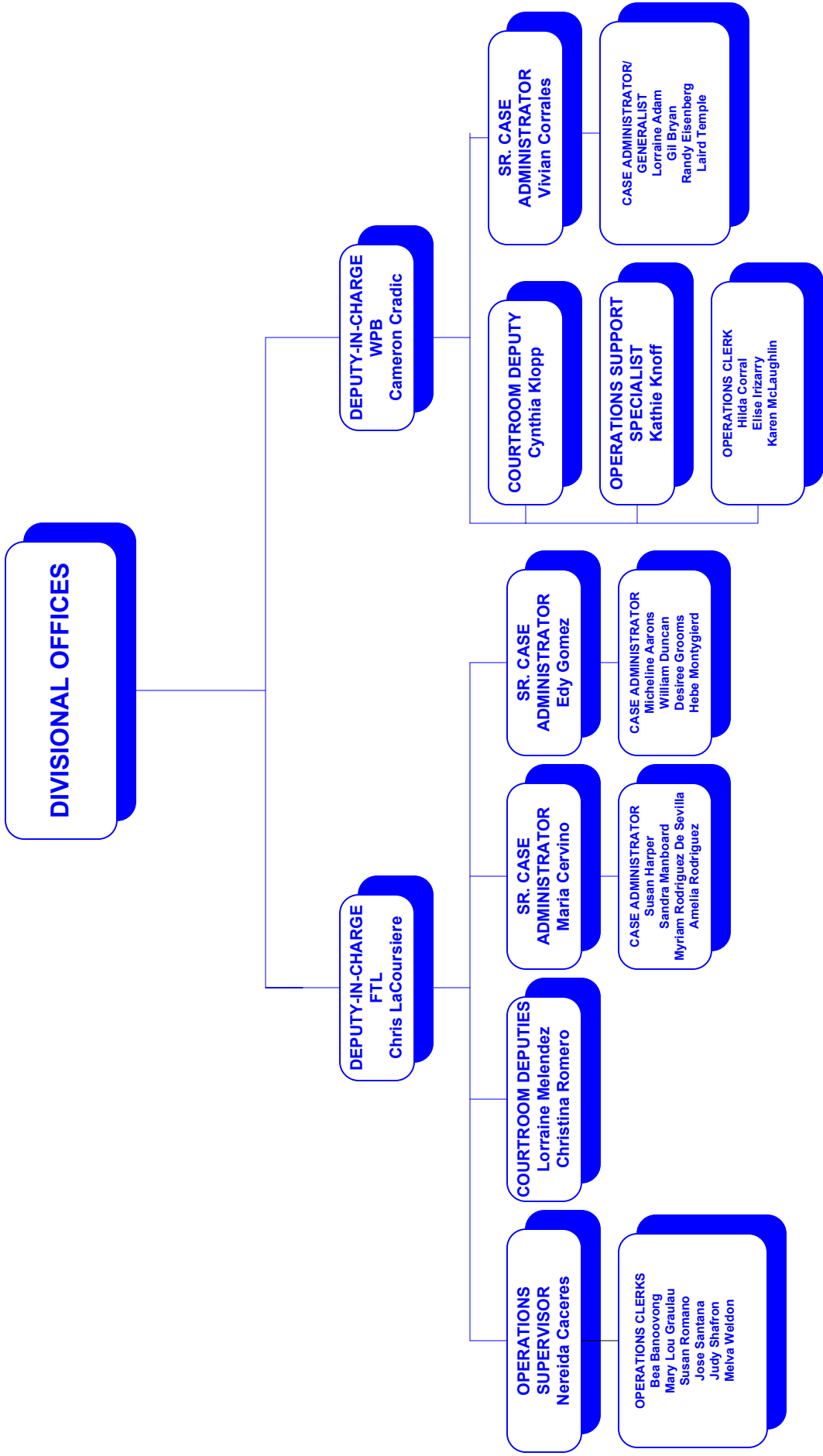
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# **STATISTICAL SUMMARIES & GRAPHS**

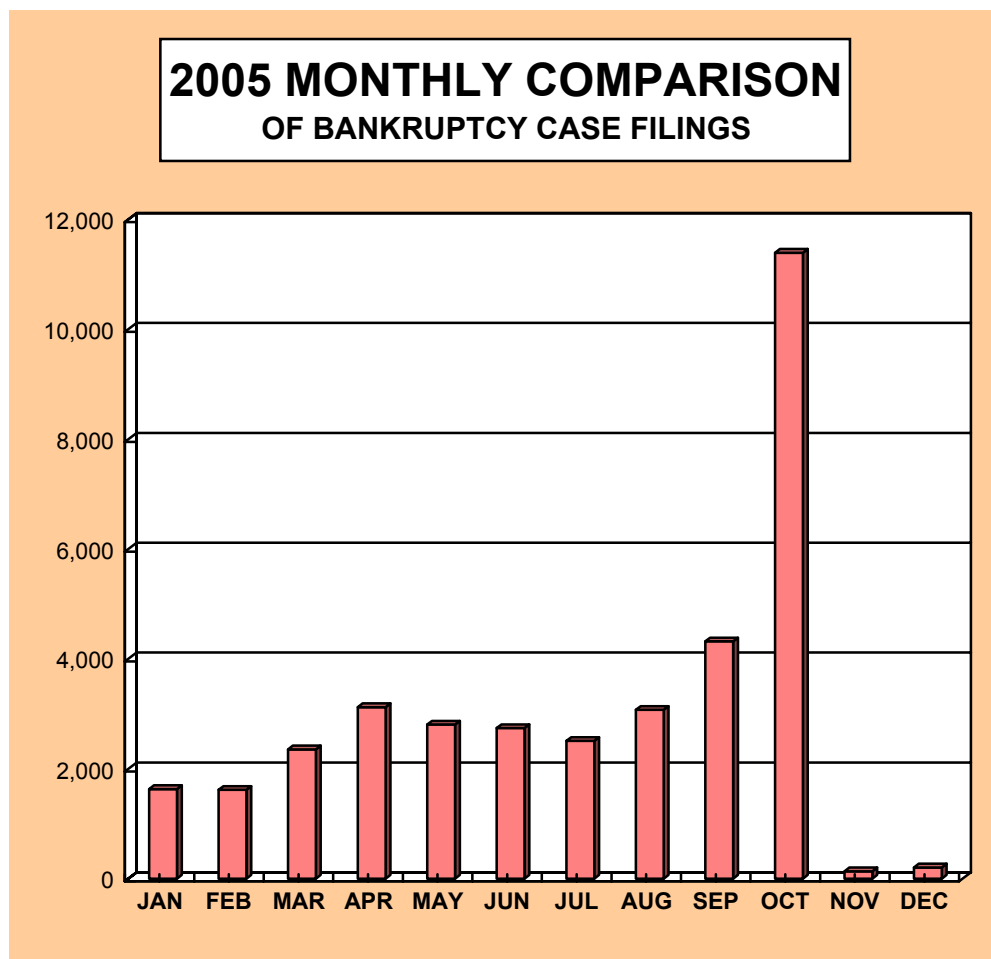




# 2005 MONTHLY COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS

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MONTH	FILINGS
JAN	1,632
FEB	1,618
MAR	2,354
APR	3,123
MAY	2,804
JUN	2,739
JUL	2,509
AUG	3,074
SEP	4,320
OCT	11,394
NOV	134
DEC	204
TOTAL	35,905

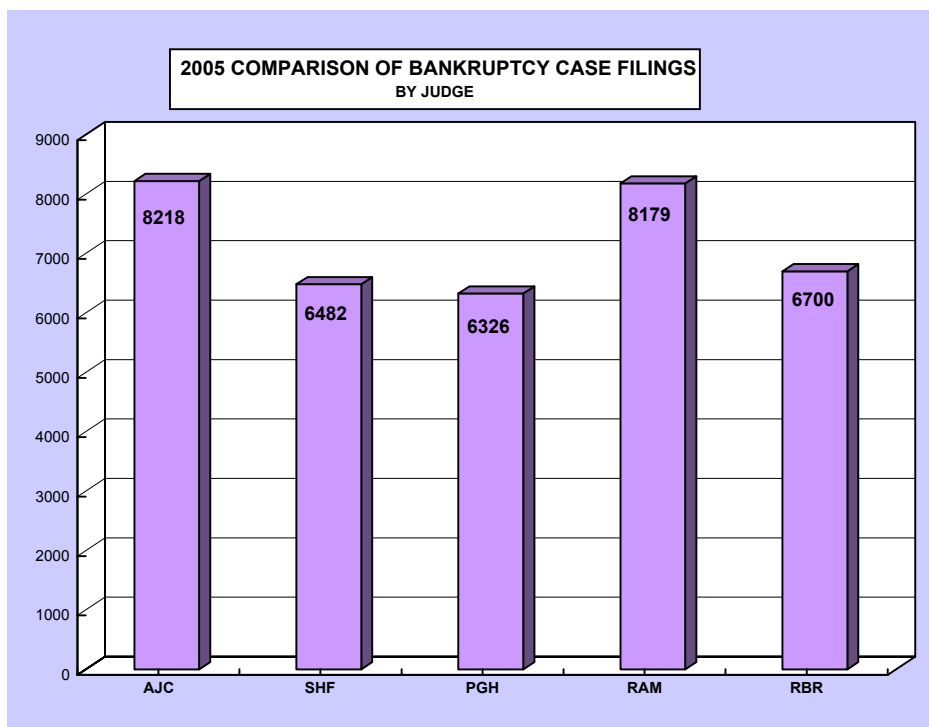


**2005 YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS  
BY JUDGE**

	AJC	SHF	PGH	RAM	RBR	TOTAL
JAN	354	317	283	347	331	1632
FEB	326	313	300	329	350	1618
MAR	513	443	428	505	465	2354
APR	721	524	577	719	582	3123
MAY	688	517	419	687	493	2804
JUN	713	439	425	712	450	2739
JUL	644	408	393	642	422	2509
AUG	798	478	492	796	510	3074
SEP	1028	743	744	1032	773	4320
OCT	2344	2259	2208	2318	2265	11394
NOV	41	22	13	45	13	134
DEC	48	19	44	47	46	204
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8218</b>	<b>6482</b>	<b>6326</b>	<b>8179</b>	<b>6700</b>	<b>35905</b>
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>22.89</b>	<b>18.05</b>	<b>17.62</b>	<b>22.78</b>	<b>18.66</b>	

**2005 YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS  
BY JUDGE/CHAPTER**

	CH 7	CH 11	CH 12	CH 13	SEC 304	TOTAL
AJC	7249	37	0	930	2	8218
SHF	5461	23	1	997	0	6482
PGH	5576	32	0	718	0	6326
RAM	7219	25	0	934	1	8179
RBR	5557	15	0	1127	1	6700
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31062</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4706</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35905</b>

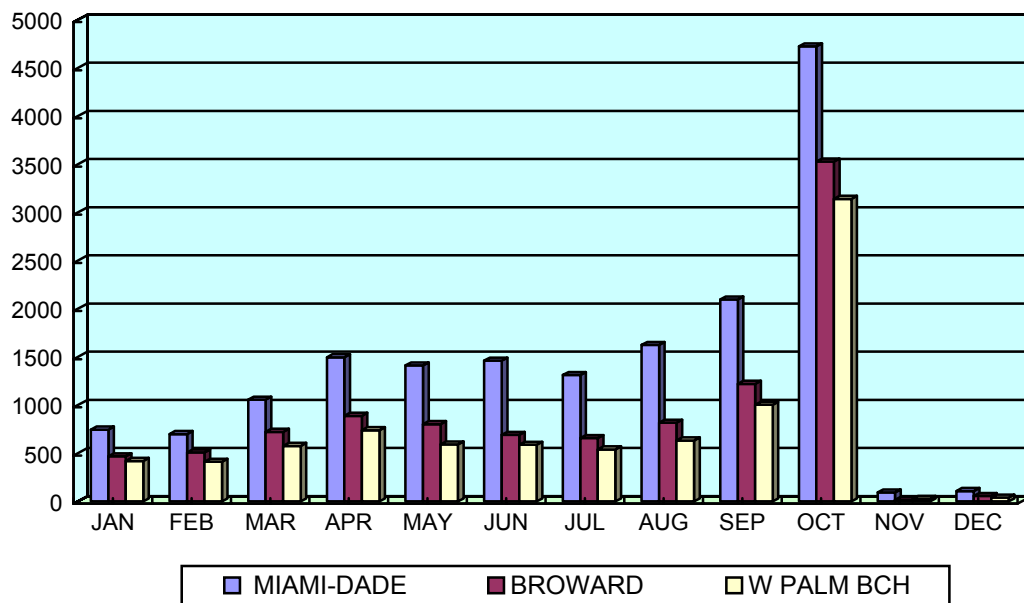


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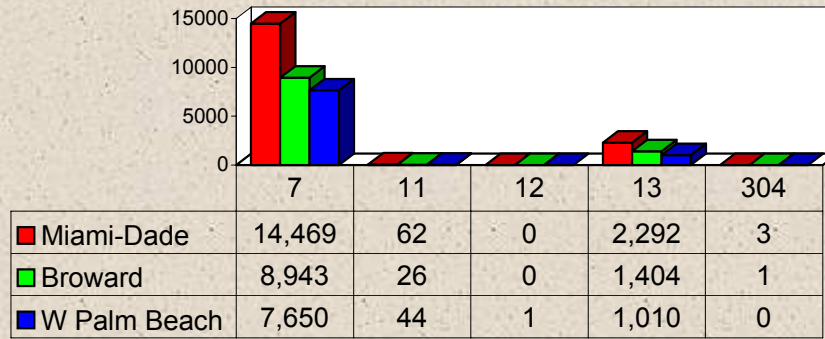
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MONTH	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W PALM BCH	TOTAL
JAN	745	467	420	1632
FEB	699	507	412	1618
MAR	1056	722	576	2354
APR	1496	888	739	3123
MAY	1411	802	591	2804
JUN	1461	691	587	2739
JUL	1313	657	539	2509
AUG	1624	817	633	3074
SEP	2096	1221	1003	4320
OCT	4724	3529	3141	11394
NOV	93	16	25	134
DEC	108	57	39	204
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16826</b>	<b>10374</b>	<b>8705</b>	<b>35905</b>
<b>% OF TOTAL</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>	

**2005 MONTHLY COMPARISON BY DIVISION  
OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS**



## 2005 COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY FILINGS By Division / Chapter

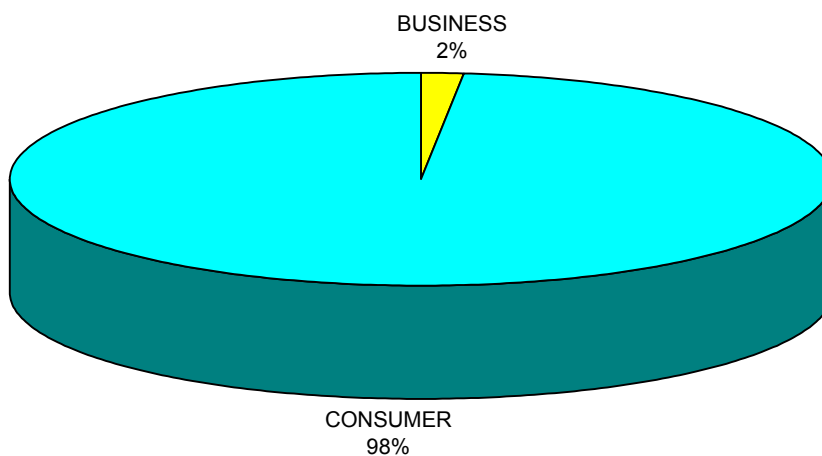


**2005 COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS  
BY DIVISION / BUSINESS - CONSUMER**

CHAPTER	BUSINESS				CONSUMER				TOTALS
	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W PALM BCH	SUBTOTAL	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W PALM BCH	SUBTOTAL	
7	190	101	128	419	14,279	8,842	7,522	30,643	31,062
11	57	22	33	112	5	4	11	20	132
12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
13	2	0	15	17	2,290	1,404	995	4,689	4,706
TOTAL *	249	123	177	549	16,574	10,250	8,528	35,352	35,901

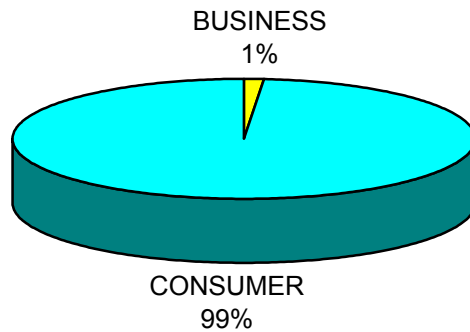
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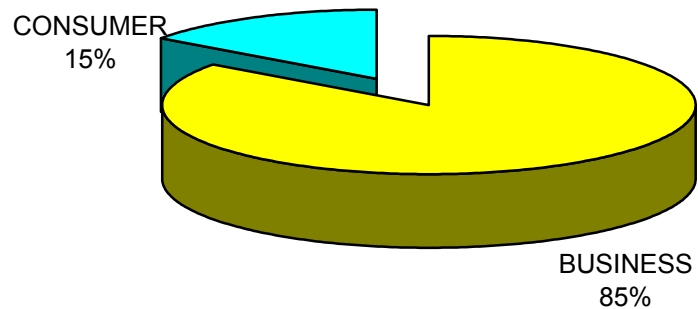


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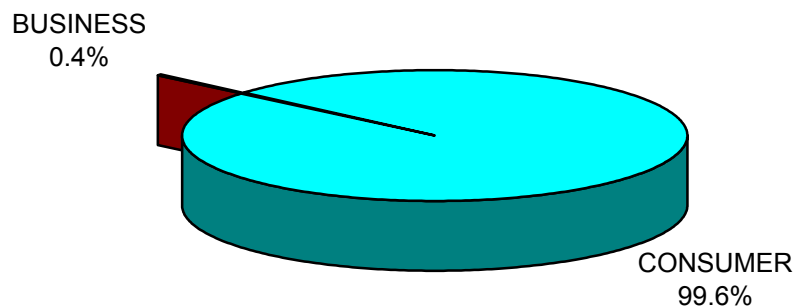
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**2005 CASE FILING SUMMARY  
BY CONSUMER/BUSINESS - COUNTY/CHAPTER**

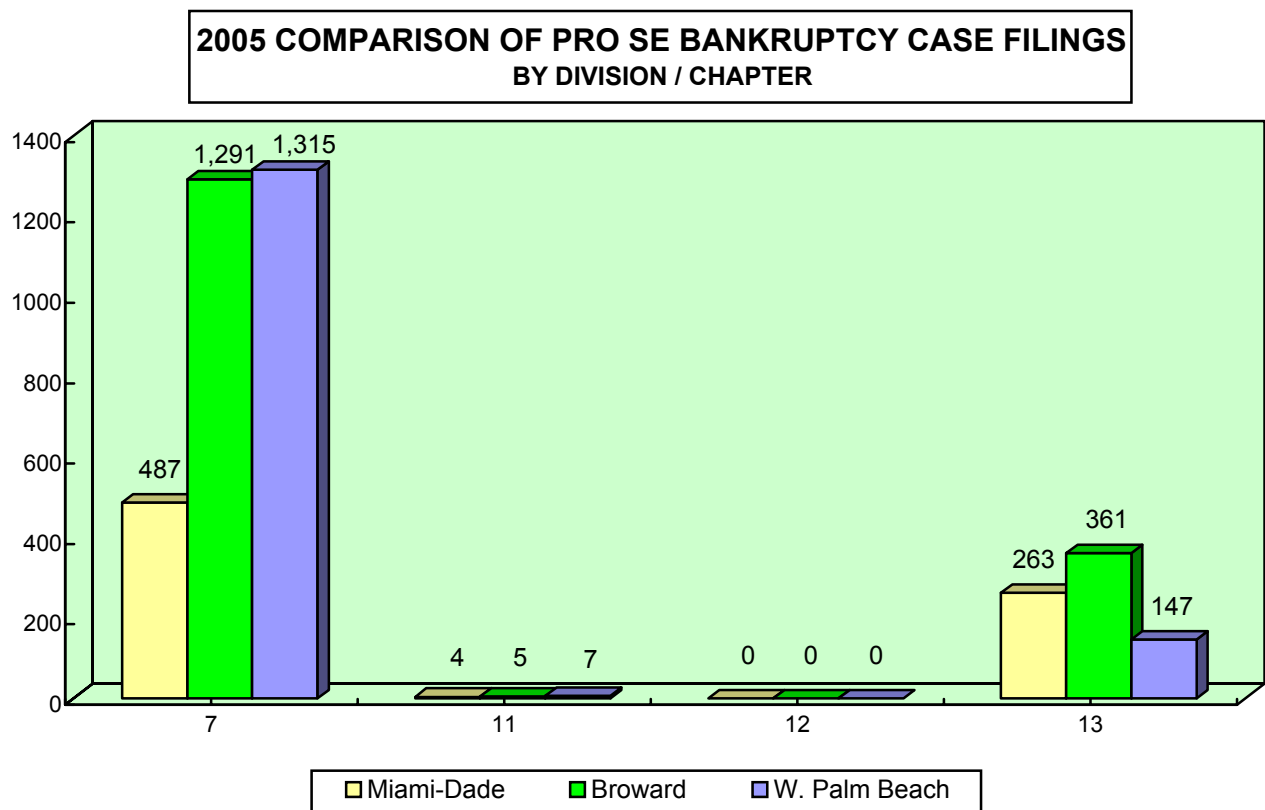
<b>CONSUMER</b>						
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
MIAMI-DADE	14,046	5	0	2,272	1	16,324
MONROE	233	0	0	18	0	251
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>14,279</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16,575</b>
BROWARD	8,842	4	0	1,404	1	10,251
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>8,842</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10,251</b>
HIGHLANDS	296	1	0	49	0	346
INDIAN RIVER	446	0	0	60	0	506
MARTIN	418	1	0	49	0	468
OKEECHOBEE	139	0	0	55	0	194
PALM BEACH	5,276	9	0	614	0	5,899
ST LUCIE	947	0	0	168	0	1,115
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,522</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,528</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>30,643</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35,354</b>

<b>BUSINESS</b>						
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
MIAMI-DADE	182	55	0	2	2	241
MONROE	8	2	0	0	0	10
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>251</b>
BROWARD	101	22	0	0	0	123
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>
HIGHLANDS	4	0	0	0	0	4
INDIAN RIVER	5	1	0	2	0	8
MARTIN	4	2	0	1	0	7
OKEECHOBEE	2	0	0	2	0	4
PALM BEACH	101	27	1	4	0	133
ST LUCIE	12	3	0	6	0	21
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>551</b>

<b>CASE FILING SUMMARY BY COUNTY</b>						
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
MIAMI-DADE	14,228	60	0	2,274	3	16,565
MONROE	241	2	0	18	0	261
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>14,469</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16,826</b>
BROWARD	8,943	26	0	1,404	1	10,374
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10,374</b>
HIGHLANDS	300	1	0	49	0	350
INDIAN RIVER	451	1	0	62	0	514
MARTIN	422	3	0	50	0	475
OKEECHOBEE	141	0	0	57	0	198
PALM BEACH	5,377	36	1	618	0	6,032
ST LUCIE	959	3	0	174	0	1,136
<b>Division Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,705</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>31,062</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35,905</b>

## 2005 COMPARISON OF PRO SE BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS BY DIVISION / CHAPTER

Chapter	7	11	12	13	Totals
Miami-Dade	487	4	0	263	754
Broward	1,531	1	0	135	1,667
W. Palm Beach	1,461	0	0	66	1,527
Total	3,479	5	0	464	3,948

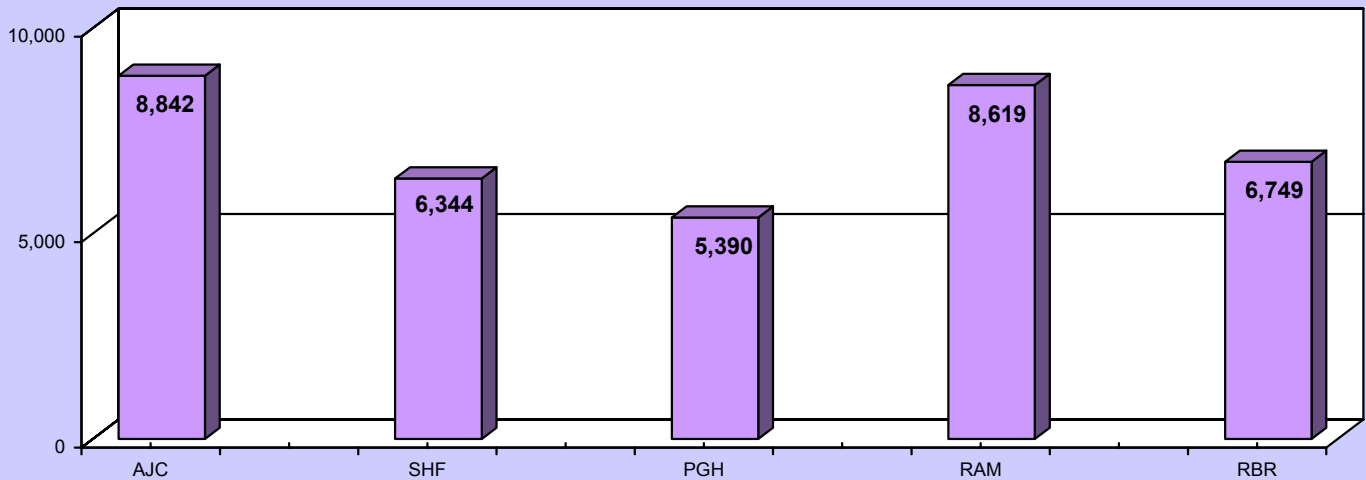




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PERIOD ENDING 12/31/05**

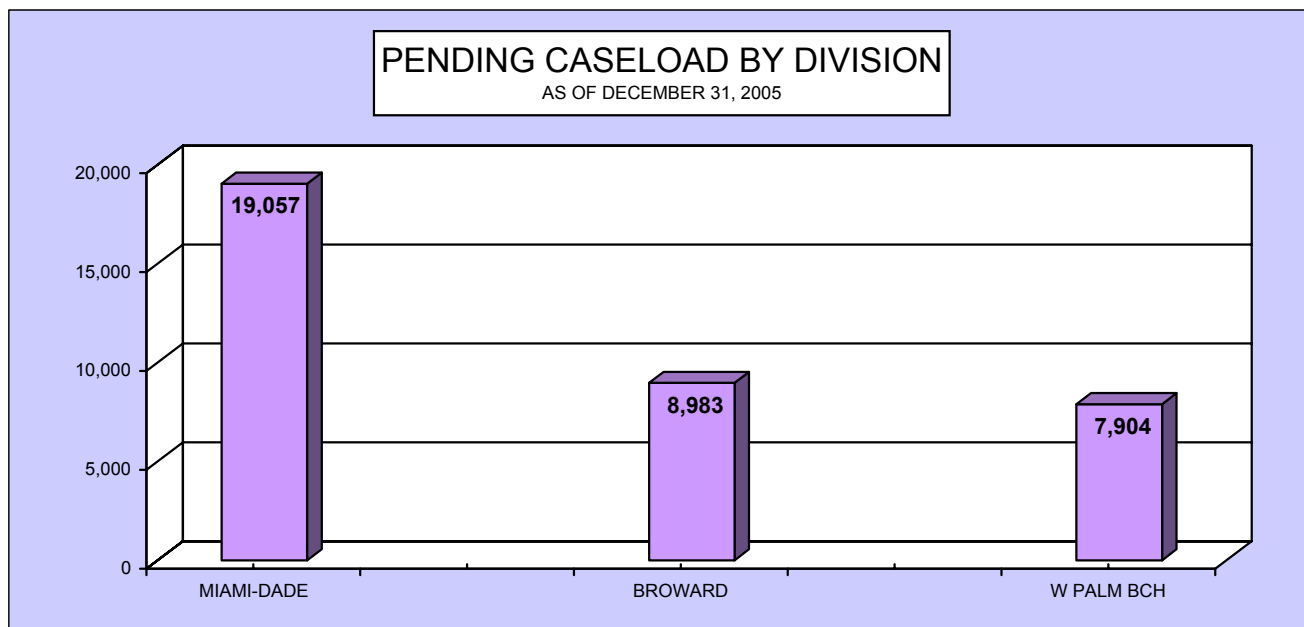
JUDGES	CHAPTERS				CASES		TOTAL	% OF PENDING
	7	11	12	13	304			
AJC	4,365	81	1	4,391	4		8,842	24.6
SHF	3,578	30	0	2,736	0		6,344	17.6
PGH	3,596	132	0	1,662	0		5,390	15.0
RAM	4,022	84	0	4,509	4		8,619	25.0
RBR	3,396	57	0	3,295	1		6,749	18.8
<b>TOTAL PENDING</b>	<b>18,957</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16,593</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>35,944</b>	

**PENDING CASELOAD BY JUDGE**  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005



**PENDING CASELOAD BY JUDGE/DIVISION  
PERIOD ENDING 12/31/05**

JUDGES	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W PALM BCH	TOTAL
AJC	8,840	2	0	8,842
SHF	0	0	6,344	6,344
PGH	9	3,824	1,557	5,390
RAM	8,616	0	3	8,619
RBR	1,592	5,157	0	6,749
<b>TOTAL PENDING</b>	<b>19,057</b>	<b>8,983</b>	<b>7,904</b>	<b>35,944</b>
<b>% OF PENDING BY DIVISION</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>	

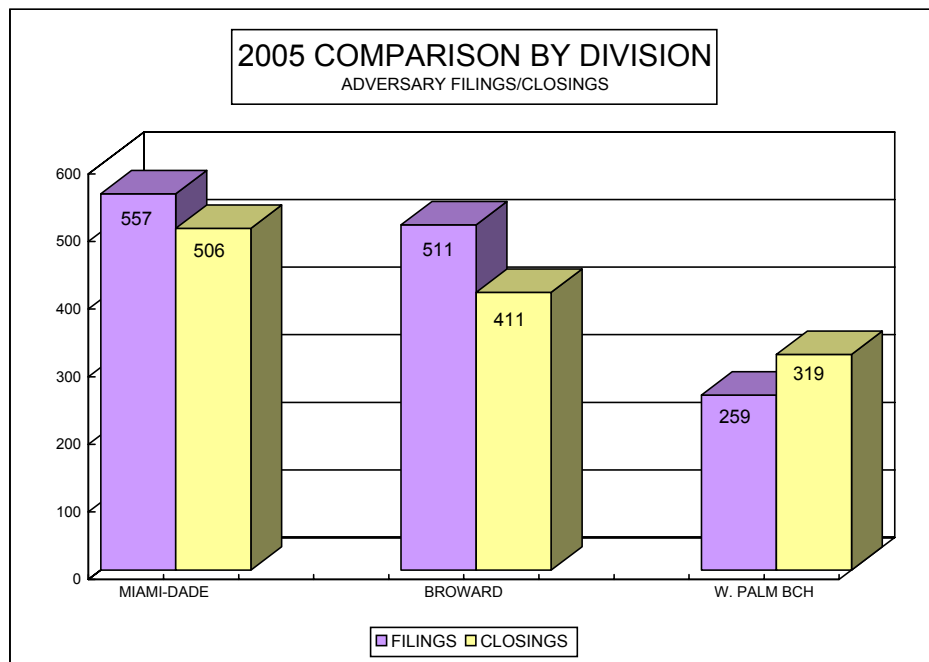


**2005 MONTHLY COMPARISON BY DIVISION  
ADVERSARY FILINGS**

	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W. PALM BCH	TOTAL
JAN	32	16	16	64
FEB	46	25	18	89
MAR	36	19	23	78
APR	32	33	19	84
MAY	27	17	23	67
JUN	21	25	19	65
JUL	33	229	20	282
AUG	19	23	28	70
SEP	188	29	20	237
OCT	41	48	24	113
NOV	24	26	21	71
DEC	58	21	28	107
TOTALS:	557	511	259	1,327
% OF FILINGS	20.1	18.4	9.3	

**ADVERSARY CLOSINGS**

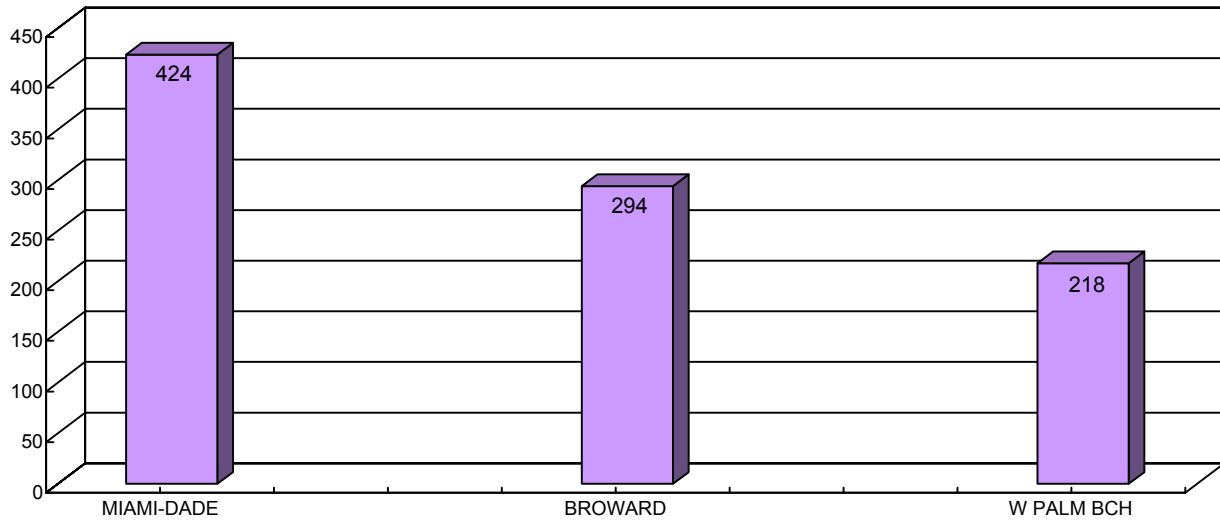
	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W. PALM BCH	TOTAL
JAN	31	45	39	115
FEB	57	34	34	125
MAR	69	34	26	129
APR	68	32	37	137
MAY	42	14	20	76
JUN	63	21	21	105
JUL	37	20	14	71
AUG	38	66	71	175
SEP	56	56	15	127
OCT	15	24	7	46
NOV	16	20	1	37
DEC	14	45	34	93
TOTALS:	506	411	319	1,236
% OF FILINGS	21.7	17.6	13.7	



**PENDING ADVERSARY CASELOAD BY JUDGE / DIVISION  
PERIOD ENDING 12/31/05**

	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	W. PALM BCH	TOTAL	% OF PENDING
<b>AJC</b>	154	0	1	155	16.6
<b>SHF</b>	0	0	165	165	17.6
<b>PGH</b>	0	164	51	215	23.0
<b>RAM</b>	266	0	0	266	28.4
<b>RBR</b>	4	130	1	135	14.4
<b>TOTAL PENDING</b>	424	294	218	936	

**COMPARISON OF PENDING ADVERSARY CASELOAD BY DIVISION**

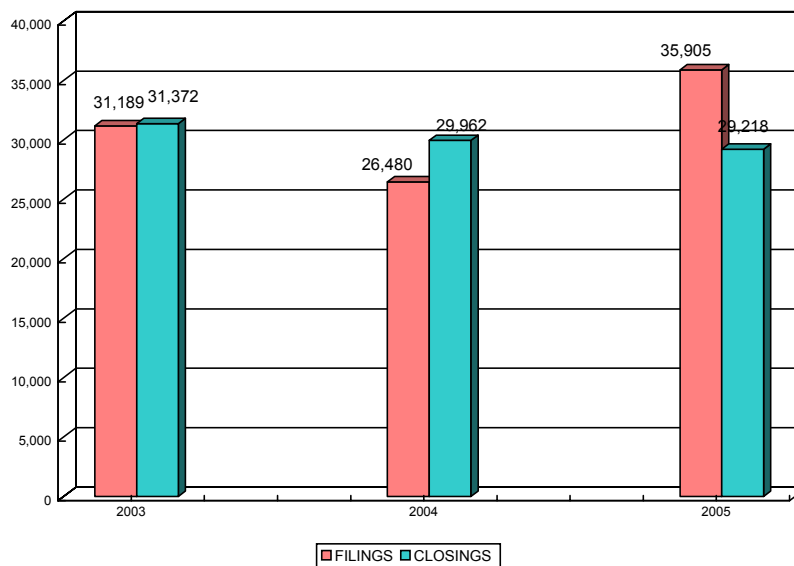


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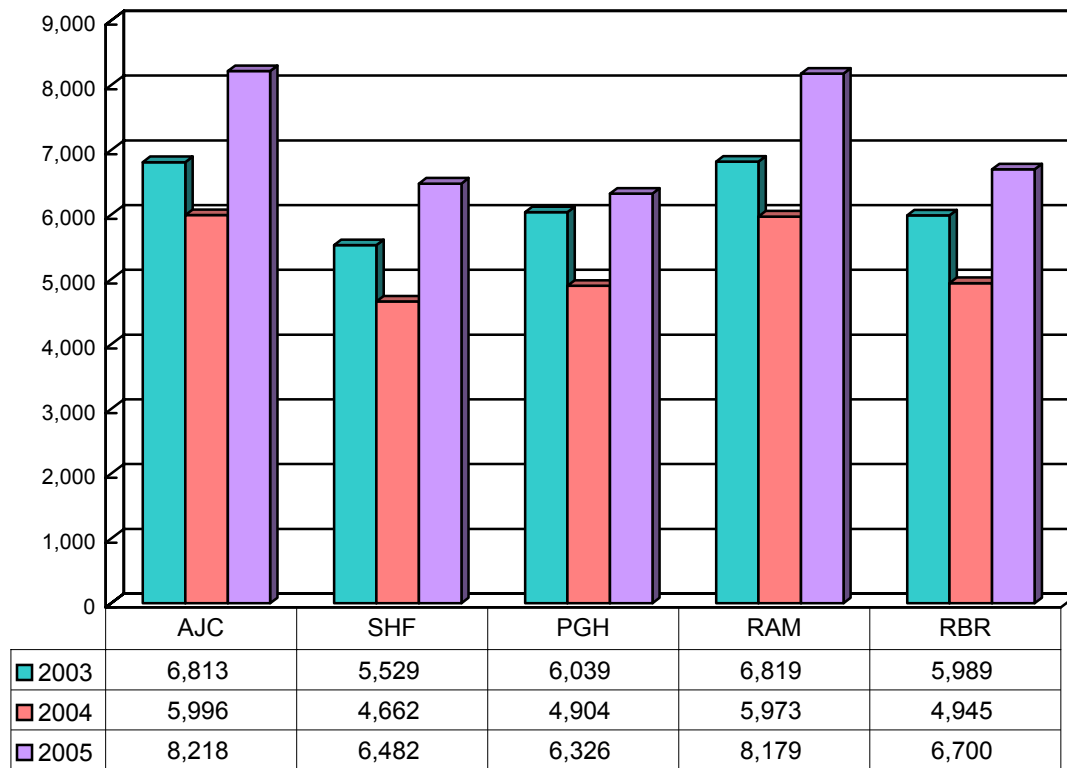
MONTH	FILINGS		
	2003	2004	2005
JAN	2,269	1,914	1,632
FEB	2,246	1,970	1,618
MAR	2,683	2,714	2,354
APR	2,978	2,443	3,123
MAY	2,911	2,497	2,804
JUN	2,941	2,552	2,739
JUL	2,922	2,240	2,509
AUG	2,504	2,238	3,074
SEP	2,651	1,775	4,320
OCT	2,915	2,140	11,394
NOV	2,050	2,032	134
DEC	2,119	1,965	204
TOTALS	31,189	26,480	35,905
% OF CHANGE		-15.1	35.6

MONTH	CLOSINGS		
	2003	2004	2005
JAN	3,209	3,055	3,380
FEB	2,517	2,696	2,407
MAR	2,633	2,291	1,875
APR	2,453	1,896	2,125
MAY	2,125	2,052	1,786
JUN	2,339	2,605	2,088
JUL	2,930	2,824	2,472
AUG	2,460	2,515	3,410
SEP	2,818	2,666	3,303
OCT	2,883	2,601	1,264
NOV	1,965	2,285	2,669
DEC	3,040	2,476	2,439
TOTALS	31,372	29,962	29,218
% OF CHANGE		-4.5	-2.5

### THREE YEAR COMPARISON FILINGS/CLOSINGS



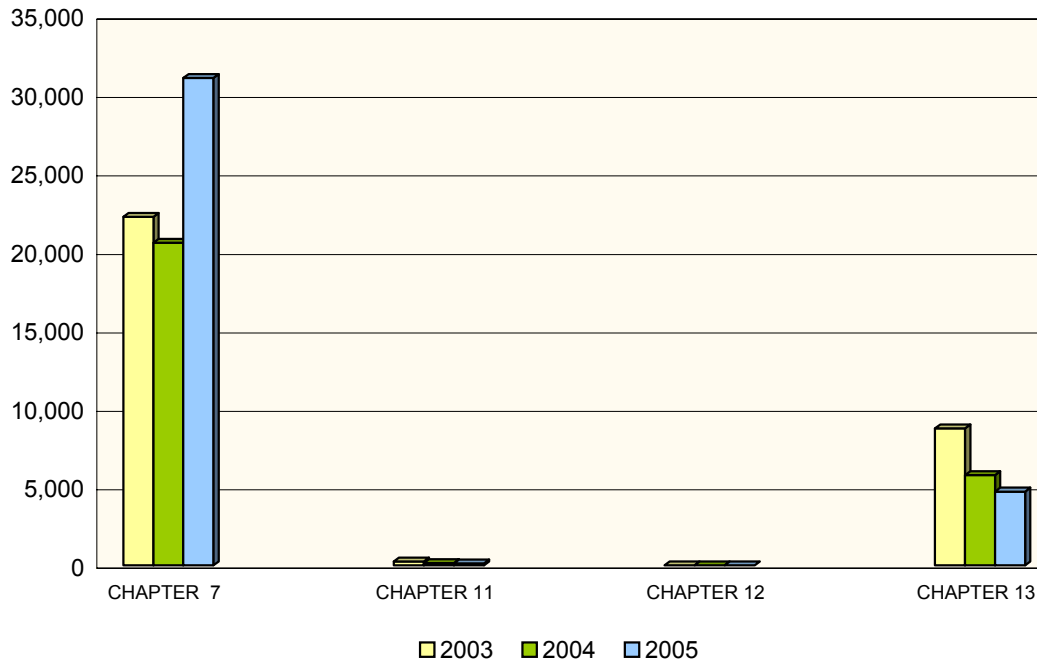
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### THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS BY CHAPTER

	2003	2004	2005
CH 7	22,212	20,560	31,062
% OF CHANGE	-7.4	51.1	
CH 11	246	155	132
% OF CHANGE	-37.0	-14.8	
CH 12	0	0	1
% OF CHANGE	0.0	100.0	
CH 13	8,726	5,762	4,706
% OF CHANGE	-34.0	-18.3	

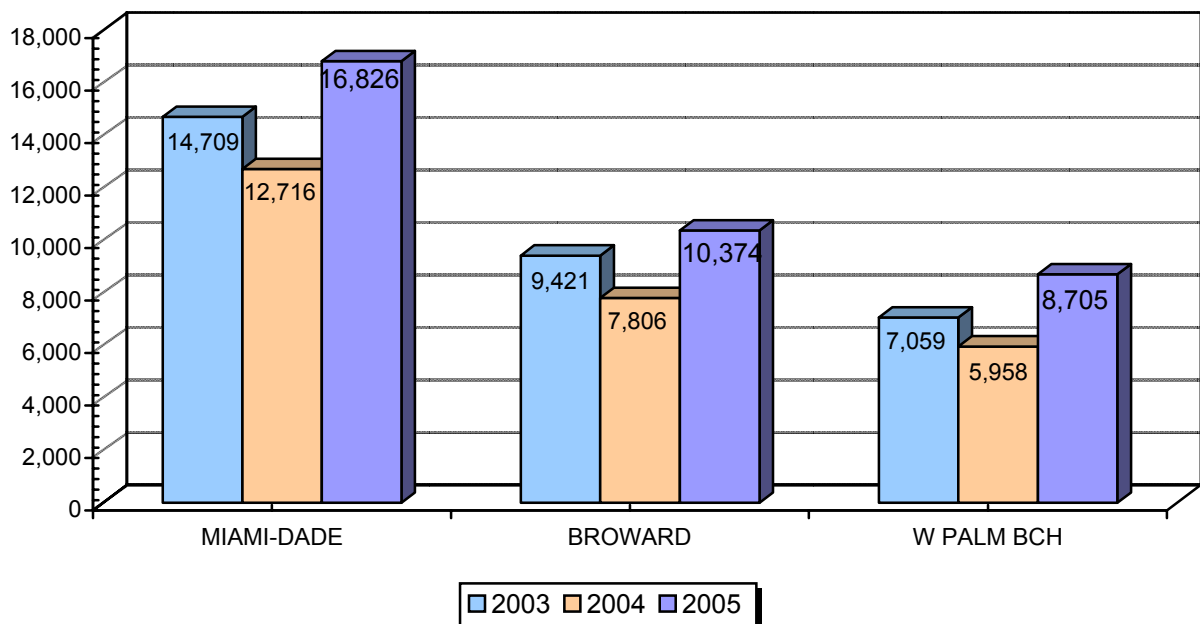
THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS  
BY CHAPTER



# **THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS BY DIVISION**

	2003	2004	2005
MIAMI-DADE	14,709	12,716	16,826
% OF CHANGE		-13.5	32.3
BROWARD	9,421	7,806	10,374
% OF CHANGE		-17.1	32.9
W PALM BCH	7,059	5,958	8,705
% OF CHANGE		-15.6	46.1

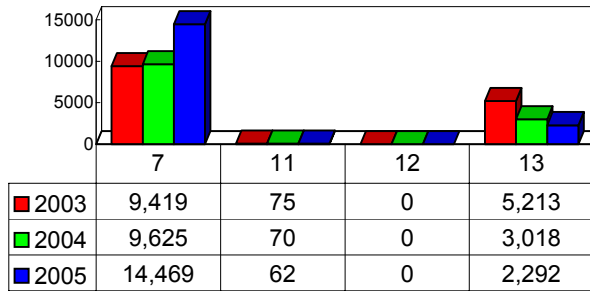
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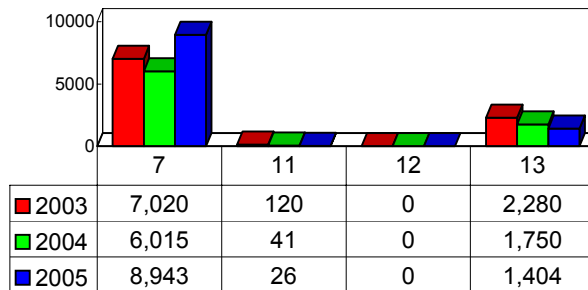


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DIVISION / CHAPTER**

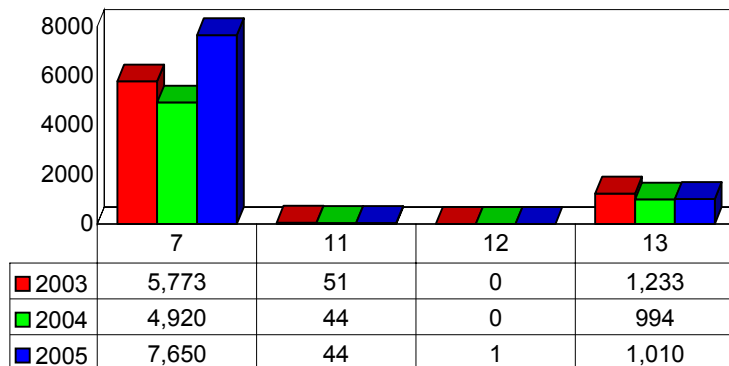
**MIAMI-DADE**



**BROWARD**



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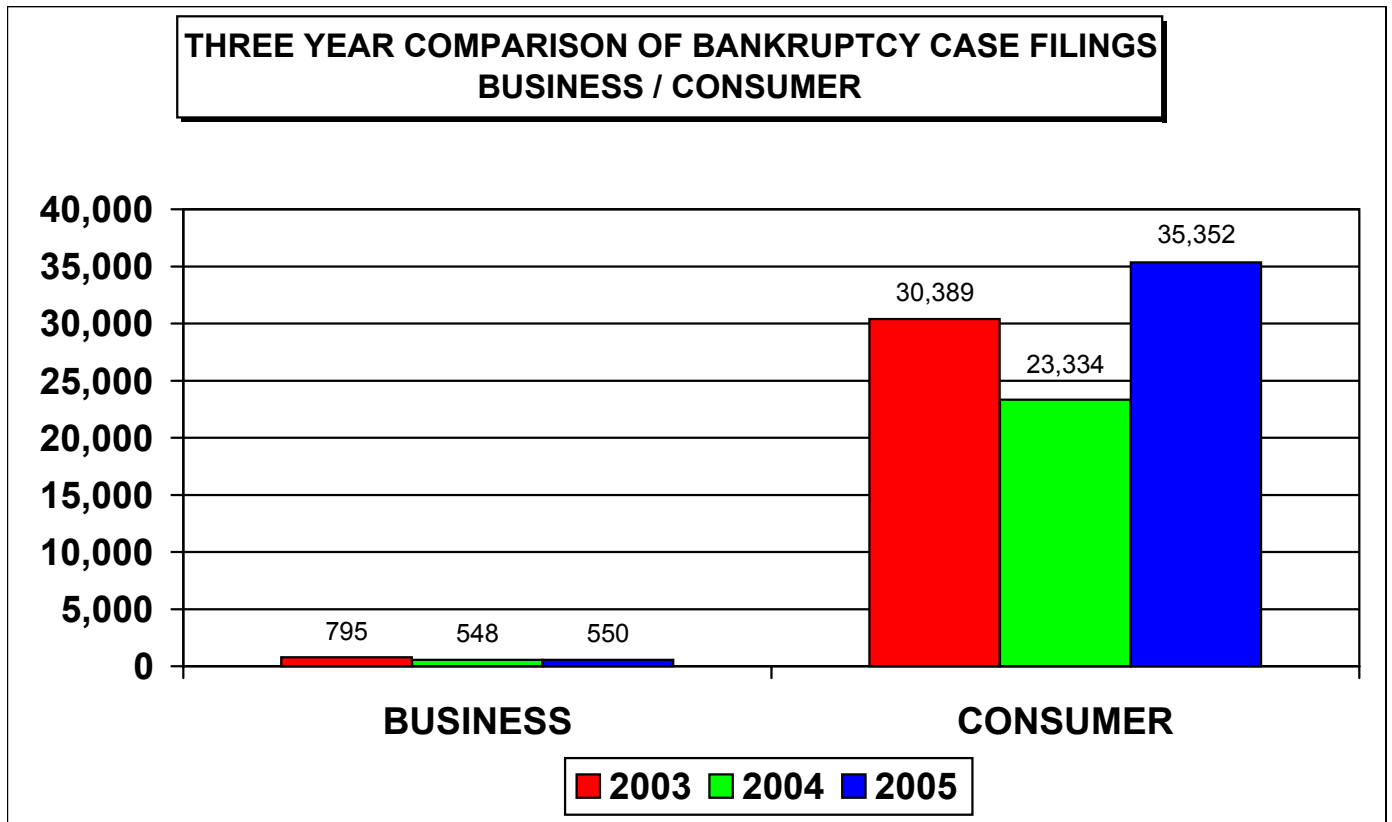


**THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILINGS  
BY CHAPTER/ BUSINESS - CONSUMER**

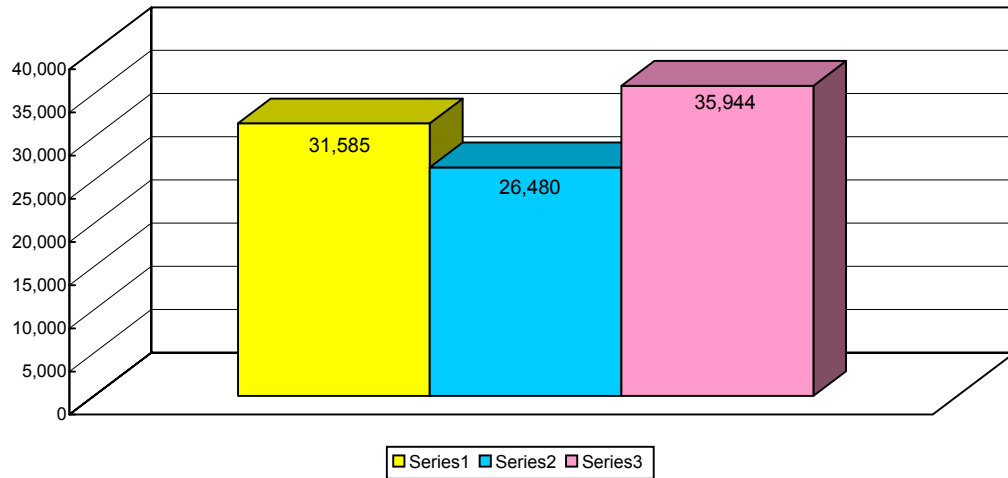
CHAPTER	BUSINESS			CONSUMER		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
7	531	385	419	21,681	17,580	30,642
11	219	140	113	27	15	20
12	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	45	23	17	8,681	5,739	4,690
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>30,389</b>	<b>23,334</b>	<b>35,352</b>

% OF CHANGE      -31.1                      0.4                      -23.2                      51.5

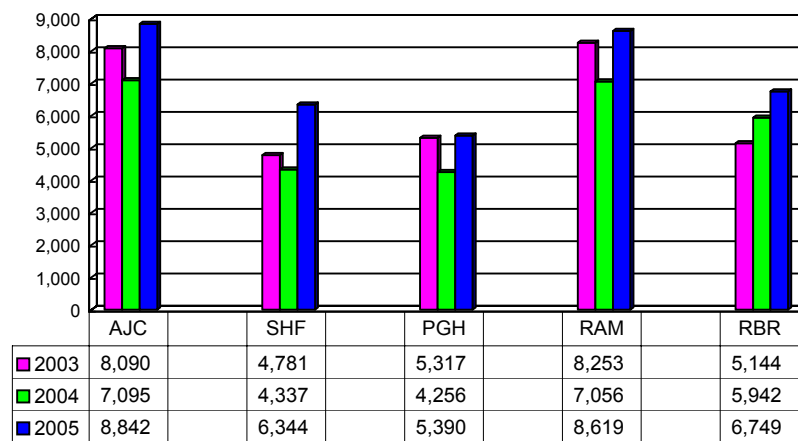
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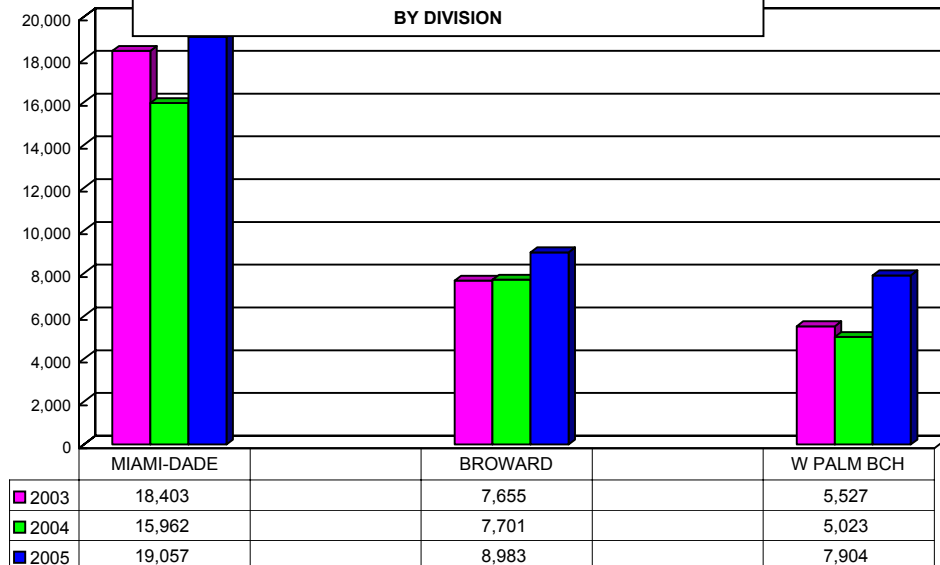
### THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF PENDING CASELOADS



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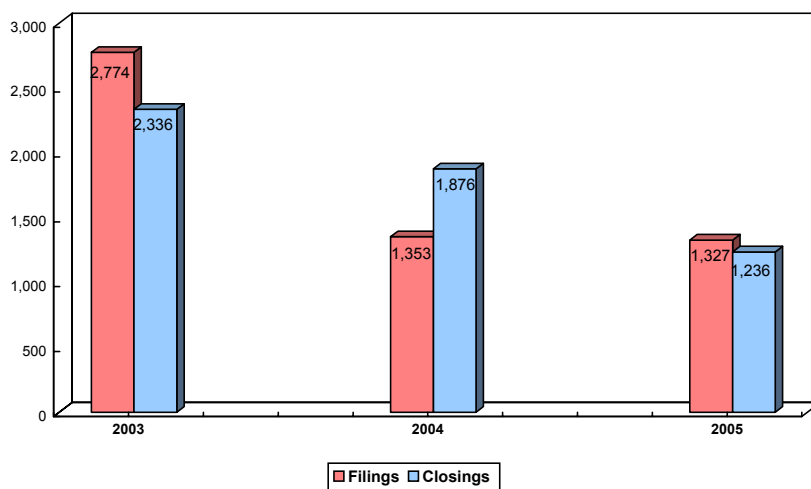
### FILINGS

MONTH	2003	2004	2005
JAN	187	81	64
FEB	126	115	89
MAR	241	150	78
APR	167	72	84
MAY	221	72	67
JUN	662	125	65
JUL	405	206	282
AUG	193	104	70
SEP	243	78	237
OCT	171	129	113
NOV	76	126	71
DEC	82	95	107
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,327</b>
<b>% OF CHANGE</b>		<b>-51.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

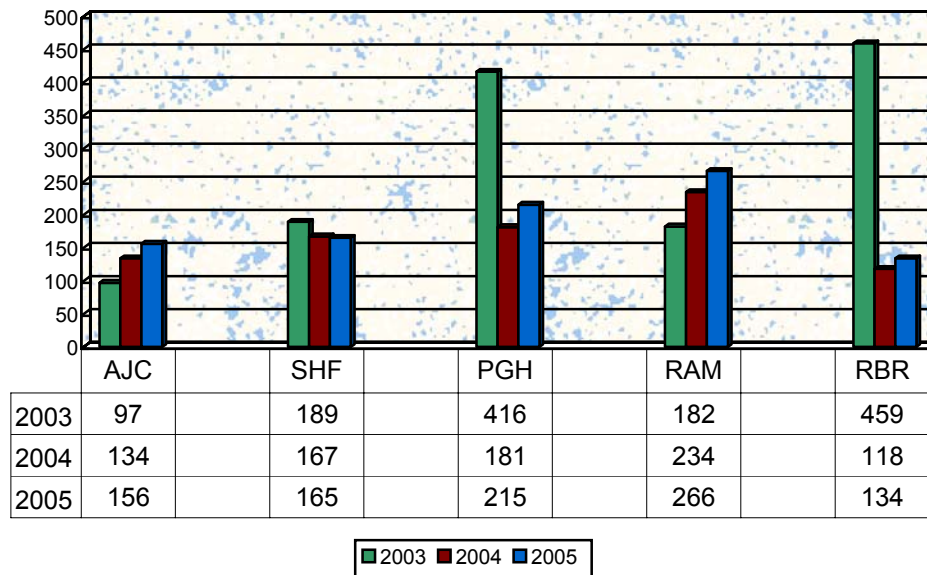
### CLOSINGS

MONTH	2003	2004	2005
JAN	117	256	115
FEB	115	236	125
MAR	134	174	129
APR	162	162	137
MAY	194	195	76
JUN	185	153	105
JUL	269	125	71
AUG	283	100	175
SEP	221	91	127
OCT	299	181	46
NOV	133	105	37
DEC	224	98	93
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>1,236</b>
<b>% OF CHANGE</b>		<b>-19.7</b>	<b>-34.1</b>

### THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF ADVERSARY FILINGS / CLOSINGS



# THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF PENDING ADVERSARY CASELOAD



# THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF NOTICE OF APPEAL FILINGS

YEAR	2003	2004	2005
TOTAL FILED	114	142	130

**THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF  
NOTICE OF APPEAL FILINGS**

